

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC FORM 20-IS

INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17.1(b)
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE

1. Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Information Statement

Definitive Information Statement

2. Name of Registrant as specified in its charter

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION

3. Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization

Philippines

4. SEC Identification Number

17514

5. BIR Tax Identification Code

320-000-599-760

6. Address of principal office

6819 Ayala cor. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City

Postal Code

0727

7. Registrant's telephone number, including area code

894-9000

8. Date, time and place of the meeting of security holders

June 24, 2019 - 4:00 pm - Alfonso Sycip Executive Lounge, 47th Floor Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala cor. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City

9. Approximate date on which the Information Statement is first to be sent or given to security holders

May 30, 2019

10. In case of Proxy Solicitations:

Name of Person Filing the Statement/Solicitor

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Address and Telephone No.

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11. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the Code or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA (information on number of shares and amount of debt is applicable only to corporate registrants):

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding
Common	1,935,628,896

13. Are any or all of registrant's securities listed on a Stock Exchange?

Yes No

If yes, state the name of such stock exchange and the classes of securities listed therein:

Philippine Stock Exchange - Common

The Exchange does not warrant and holds no responsibility for the veracity of the facts and representations contained in all corporate disclosures, including financial reports. All data contained herein are prepared and submitted by the disclosing party to the Exchange, and are disseminated solely for purposes of information. Any questions on the data contained herein should be addressed directly to the Corporate Information Officer of the disclosing party.



Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation RCB

**PSE Disclosure Form 17-5 - Information Statement for Annual or
Special Stockholders' Meeting**
*References: SRC Rule 20 and
Section 17.10 of the Revised Disclosure Rules*

Date of Stockholders' Meeting	Jun 24, 2019
Type (Annual or Special)	Annual
Time	4:00 pm
Venue	Alfonso Sycip Executive Lounge, 47th Floor Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala cor. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City
Record Date	May 23, 2019

Inclusive Dates of Closing of Stock Transfer Books

Start Date	N/A
End date	N/A

Other Relevant Information

Please see attached Preliminary Information Statement filed with the SEC.

Filed on behalf by:

Name	Joyce Lacson
Designation	Assistant Corporate Secretary

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MAY 03 2019
Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Time: 4:05

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3. Province, Country or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization: **Philippines**
4. SEC identification Number: **17514**
5. BIR Tax Identification Code: **320-000-599-760**
6. Address of principal office: **Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Ave. cor. Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City**
 Postal Code **0727**
7. Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(632) 894-9000**
8. Date, time and place of the meeting of the security holders: **June 24, 2019, 4:00 P.M., Alfonso Sycip Executive Lounge, 47th Floor, RCBC Plaza, Yuchengco Tower, 6819 Ayala Avenue corner Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.**
9. Approximate date on which the Information Statement is first to be sent or given to security holders: **May 30, 2019**
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<u>Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding or Amount of Debt Outstanding</u>
Common	(as of April 30, 2019) 1,935,628,896
11. Are any or all of registrant's securities listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange? Yes No

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Date, Time and Place of Meeting of Security Holders

Date	:	June 24, 2019
Time	:	4:00 P.M.
Place	:	Alfonso Sycip Executive Lounge 47 th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza 6819 Ayala Avenue corner Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City
Complete mailing address of Principal office	:	21 st Floor, RCBC Plaza, Tower II 6819 Ayala Avenue corner 333 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City
Approximate date on which the Information Statement is first to be sent or given to security holders	:	May 30, 2019

WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU FOR A PROXY
AND YOU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SEND US A PROXY.

2. Dissenter's Right of Appraisal

There are no matters or proposed actions as specified in the attached Notice of Annual Stockholders' Meeting that may give rise to a possible exercise by shareholders of their appraisal rights or similar right as provided in Title X of the Corporation Code of the Philippines. However, if at any time after this Information Statement has been sent out, an action (which may give rise to exercise of appraisal right) is proposed at the Annual Stockholders' Meeting, any stockholder who wishes to exercise such right and who voted against the proposed action must make a written demand within thirty (30) days after the Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

Under Title X of the Corporation Code, shareholders dissenting from and voting against the following corporate actions may demand payment of the fair value of their shares as of the day prior to the date on which the vote was taken for such corporation action: (i) amendment to the Bank's articles and by-laws which has the effect of changing or restricting the rights of any shareholder or class of shares, or authorizing preferences in any respect superior to those of outstanding shares of any class; (ii) sale, lease, exchange, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Bank's assets; (iii) merger or consolidation; (iv) investment of corporate funds in another corporation or business or for any purpose other than its primary purpose; and (v) extension or shortening of term of corporate existence.

The appraisal right may be exercised by any shareholder who shall have voted against the proposed corporate action, by making a written demand on the Bank within thirty (30) days after the date on which the vote was taken for payment of the fair market value of such shareholder's shares. The failure to make demand within such period shall be deemed a waiver of the appraisal right. If the proposed corporate action is implemented or effected, the Bank shall pay the dissenting shareholder, upon surrender of the certificate(s) representing his shares, the fair value thereof as of the day prior to the date on which the vote was taken, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of such corporate action.

3. Interest of Certain Persons in or Opposition to Matters to be Acted Upon

No director or officer of the Bank and, to the best knowledge of the Bank, no associate of a director or officer of the Bank has any substantial interest, direct or indirect, by security holdings or otherwise, in any of the corporate actions to be acted upon at the Annual Stockholders' Meeting, other than election to office of the directors.

None of the directors of the Bank has informed the Bank of his intention to oppose any of the corporate actions to be acted upon at the Annual Stockholders' Meeting. Moreover, all directors and management of the Bank act in the best interest of the Shareholders and there have been no adverse findings of conflict of interest or insider trading involving any director or management in the past 2 years.

B. CONTROL AND COMPENSATION INFORMATION

4. Voting Securities and Principal Holders Thereof

Class of Voting Securities: As of April 30, 2019, 1,935,628,896 Common shares and 267,410 Preferred shares are outstanding, and are entitled to be represented and vote at the Annual Stockholders' Meeting. Each share is entitled to one vote.

Record Date: Only stockholders of record as of May 23, 2019 shall be entitled to notice and vote at the meeting.

Manner of Voting: The By-Laws of the Bank provides that the election shall be by ballots, and that every stockholder entitled to vote shall have the right to vote in person or by proxy the number of shares of stock standing in his own name in the stock and transfer books of the Bank at the time the books were closed and said stockholder may vote such number of shares for as many persons as there are directors, or he may cumulate said shares and give one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected, multiplied by the number of shares shall equal, or he may distribute them on the same principle among as many candidates as he shall see fit, Provided, that the whole number of votes cast by him shall not exceed the number of shares owned by him, as shown in the books of the Bank, multiplied by the whole number of directors to be elected; and Provided, that no stock declared delinquent by the Board of Directors for unpaid subscriptions shall be voted. The votes shall be verified and tabulated by Punongbayan and Araullo, which is an independent third party.

Security Ownership of Certain Record Owners of more than 5% (as of March 31, 2019)

(1) Title of Class	(2) Name, address of record owner and relationship with issuer	(3) Name of Beneficial Owner and Relationship with Record Owner	(4) Citizenship	(5) Number of Shares Held	(6) Percent
Common	Pan Malayan Management & Investment Corporation Address: 48/F Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Ave., Makati City Relationship with Issuer: RCBC is a subsidiary of PMMIC	Pan Malayan Management & Investment Corporation <i>The records in the possession of the Bank show that the beneficial ownership of this company belongs to the shareholders of record of said company. The Bank has not been advised otherwise.</i>	Filipino	804,431,469*	41.56%

	Cathay Life Insurance Co. LTD Address: No. 296 Ren Ai Road Sec. 4 Taipei R.O.C. (Taiwan) 10633 Relationship with Issuer: Stockholder	Cathay Life Insurance Co.Ltd. <i>The records in the possession of the Bank show that the beneficial ownership of this company belongs to the shareholders of record of said company. The Bank has not been advised otherwise.</i>	Non-Filipino	452,018,582	23.35%
Common	International Finance Corporation (IFC) & IFC Capitalization (Equity) Fund, L.P. Address:2121 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20433 USA Relationship with Issuer: Stockholder	International Finance Corporation (IFC) <i>The records in the possession of the Bank show that the beneficial ownership of this company belongs to the shareholders of record of said company. The Bank has not been advised otherwise.</i>	Non-Filipino	107,875,642	18.67%

**Combined Direct and Indirect Shares of PMMIC*

The participants under PCD owning more than 5% of the voting securities (common) are (as of March 31, 2019):

Name	Shares	% of Total
RCBC Securities, Inc.	296,365,897	15.31%
The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	579,264,792	29.92%

Security Ownership of Certain Record Owners of more than 5% (as of March 31, 2019)

Title of Class	Name & Address of Record Owner and Relationship with Issuer	Name of Beneficial Owner and Relationship with Record Owner	Citizen-ship	No. of Shares	Percent
Preferred	None				

Security Ownership of Foreigners (as of April 30, 2019)

Title of Class	Shares	% of Total
Common	664,061,783	34.31%
Preferred	0	0.00

Security Ownership of Management (as of March 31, 2019)

Title of Class	Name of Beneficial Owner/ Position	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership "r"/"b"*	Citizen-ship	Percent of Class
<i>a. Board of Directors:</i>				
Common	Helen Y. Dee	Chairperson	P4,380.00 "r" P13,983,680.00 "b"	Filipino 0.07%
Common	Cesar E. A. Virata	Director/ Corporate Vice-Chairman	P1,670 "r" P1,382,670.00 "b"	Filipino 0.01%
Common	Gil A Buenaventura	President and CEO	P50.00 "r"	Filipino 0.000%

Common	Amb Lilia R Bautista	Director	P50.00 "r"	Filipino	0.000%
Common	Florentino M Herrera III	Director	P3,150.00 "r" P43,580.00 "b"	Filipino	0.000%
Common	Adelita A Vergel De Dios	Director	P10.00 "r"	Filipino	0.000%
Common	John Law	Director	P10.00 "r"	French	0.000%
Common	Tze Ching Chan	Director	P10.00 "r"	Chinese	0.000%
Common	Richard G.A. Westlake	Director	P10.00 "r"	New Zealander	0.000%
Common	Gabriel S Claudio	Director	P10.00 "r"	Filipino	0.000%
Common	Vaughn F Montes	Independent Director	P50.00 "r"	Filipino	0.00%
Common	Shih-Chiao (Joe) Lin	Director	P10.00 "r"	R.O.C. (Taiwan)	0.000%
Common	Armando M. Medina	Independent Director	P1,950.00 "r"	Filipino	0.000%
Common	Laurito E. Serrano	Independent Director	P10.00 "r"	Filipino	0.000%
Common	Juan B Santos	Independent Director	P50.00 "r"	Filipino	0.00%
<i>b. Senior Management:</i>					
Common	Evelyn Nolasco	Senior Vice President	27,000.00 "b"	Filipino	0.00%
<i>c. Directors & Principal Officers (as a Group)</i>			P15,448,350.00		0.08%

*"r" refers to registered ownership and "b" refers to beneficial ownership

Changes in Control: At present, there is no arrangement known to the Bank which may result in a change in control.

Voting Trust Holders of 5% or More: There are no shareholdings holding any Voting Trust Agreement or any such similar agreement.

5. Directors and Executive Officers

(a) Nominees for Independent Directors:

- i. Mr. Armando M. Medina
- ii. Mr. Juan B. Santos
- iii. Atty. Adelita A. Vergel De Dios
- iv. Mr. Gabriel S. Claudio
- v. Mr. Vaughn F. Montes
- vi. Mr. Laurito E. Serrano

(b) Nominees for Directors:

- i. Ms. Helen Y. Dee
- ii. Mr. Cesar E.A. Virata
- iii. Mr. Eugene S. Acevedo
- iv. Mr. Gil A. Buenaventura
- v. Mr. Arnold Kai Yuen Kan
- vi. Mr. Richard Gordon Alexander Westlake
- vii. Mr. John Law
- viii. Mr. Shih-Chiao (Joe) Lin
- ix. Atty. Lilia B. De Lima

Mr. Eduardo S. Lopez, Jr., a stockholder who is not in any way related to the nominees, nominated to the Board the re-election of Mr. Armando M. Medina, Mr. Juan B. Santos, Atty. Adelita A. Vergel De Dios, Mr. Gabriel S. Claudio, Mr. Vaughn F. Montes, and Mr. Laurito E. Serrano as Independent Directors.

The Corporate Governance Committee composed of four (4) members, three (3) of whom are independent directors, reviews and evaluates the qualifications of all persons to be nominated to the Board as well as those to be nominated to other positions requiring appointment by the Board of Directors, i.e, with the ranks of Vice President and higher. The Corporate Governance Committee is composed of Atty. Adelita A. Vergel De Dios as the Chairperson; and Mr. Gabriel S. Claudio, Mr. Shih-Chiao (Joe) Lin, and Mr. Vaughn F. Montes as Members. The Directors will be nominated and elected in accordance with SRC Rule 38.

All the nominated directors comply with all the qualifications required of a director mentioned under Section 132 (for director) of the Manual of Regulations for Banks (MORB) and do not possess any of the disqualifications mentioned under Section 138 (for director) of the MORB.

Likewise, pursuant to the Code of Corporate Governance, all the directors have satisfied the required number of attendance in board meetings, as well as in their respective Committees.

The Directors shall hold office for one (1) year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

The Independent Directors, Mr. Armando M. Medina, Mr. Juan B. Santos, Atty. Adelita A. Vergel De Dios, Mr. Gabriel S. Claudio, Mr. Vaughn F. Montes, and Mr. Laurito E. Serrano have each always possessed the qualifications and none of the disqualifications of an independent director. The Certification of Independent Director of each of the foregoing Independent Directors is attached.

(c) Directors:

<u>Directors</u>	<u>(Age)/ Citizenship</u>	<u>Position/Period which they have served</u>
Helen Y. Dee	(75)/ Filipino	Board Chairperson (June 25, 2007 to present) Director (March 28, 2005 to present)

Company	Position
Hydee Management & Resources, Inc.	Chairperson/President
RCBC Savings Bank	Chairperson
House of Investments, Inc.	Chairperson
Mapua Information Technology Center, Inc.	Chairperson
Malayan Insurance Co. Inc.	Chairperson/Director
Malayan Insurance Co. (HK) Ltd.	Chairperson/Director
Pan Malayan Realty Corp.	Chairperson
RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation	Director / Chairperson
RCBC Land, Inc.	Director
Tameena Resources, Inc.	Chairperson & CEO
Landev Corp.	Chairperson
HI-Eisai Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Chairperson
Manila Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc.	Chairperson
La Funeraria Paz Sucat	Chairperson/Director
Mijo Holdings, Inc.	Chairman/President
Xamdu Motors, Inc.	Chairperson
Promotions Personalized, Inc.	Chairperson
Dee Yu Corporation	Chairperson
Silver Falcon Insurance Agency, Inc.	Chairperson
Shayamala Corporation	Chairperson
Pan Malayan Management & Investment Corp.	Chairperson/Director

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company	Director
Petro Energy Resources Corp.	Chairperson and Director
Petrowind Energy Inc.	Chairperson
MICO Equities, Inc.	Chairperson/Director
AY Holdings, Inc.	Chairperson/Director
AY Foundation, Inc.	Chairperson/Trustee
A.T. Yuchengo, Inc.	Chairperson
Yuchengco Center	Chairperson
Pan Malayan Express	Chairperson/Director
Isuzu Philippines, Inc.	Director
Honda Cars Philippines, Inc.	Director
Philippine Integrated Advertising Agency, Inc.	Director
Sunlife Grepa Financial Inc.	Chairperson/Director
Honda Cars Kalookan	Director
Mapua University	Chairperson/Trustee
Philippine Business for Education, Inc.	Board Member Trustee
EEl Corporation	Chairperson and Board Member
GPL Holdings	President
Maira Management, Inc.	President
YGC Corporate Services, Inc.	Chairperson/Director/President
RCBC Realty Corporation	Chairperson/Director
Luisita Industrial Park Corporation	Director
Y Realty Corporation	Director
E.T. Yuchengco, Inc.	Chairperson/Director
Malayan Colleges Laguna, Inc.	Trustee
Malayan High School of Science, Inc.	Chairperson
Malayan Colleges Mindanao (A Mapua School), Inc.	Chairperson
Luis Miguel Foods	Director

Cesar E.A. Virata

(88)/
Filipino

Director (1995 to present)
Corporate Vice-Chairman (June 22, 2000
to present)

Company	Position
ATAR VI Property Holding Company, Inc.	Chairman & Director
RCBC Realty Corp.	Director
RCBC Bankard Services Corporation	Chairman/ Director
RCBC Land, Inc.	Chairman/ Director
ALTO Pacific Company, Inc.	Chairman / Director
Malayan Insurance Co., Inc.	Director
RCBC Savings Bank	Director
Luisita Industrial Park Corporation	Vice-Chairman/ Director
Lopez Holdings Corp.	Independent Director
Cavitex Holdings, Inc.	Chairman/ Director
YGC Corporate Services, Inc.	Director
Niyog Properties Holdings, Inc.	Director
Business World Publishing Corp.	Vice-Chairman/ Director
Belle Corporation	Independent Director
City and Land Developers, Inc.	Independent Director

AY Foundation, Inc.	Trustee
Malayan University (Operating under Mapua Institute of Technology)	Trustee
Micah Quality Property Development Corporation	Director
World Trade Center Management, Inc.	Director
Yuchengco Center	Trustee
Tan Yan Kee Foundation, Inc.	Trustee
IFI Support Foundation, Inc.	Trustee
UP Business Research Foundation, Inc.	Trustee & President
DLSU-Dasmariñas Cultural Heritage Foundation	Trustee
Yuchengco Museum, Inc.	Trustee

Eugene S. Acevedo (52)/ Filipino Director, President and CEO (effective July 1, 2019)

Company	Position
De La Salle John Bosco College	Trustee
Holly Tree Holdings	Chairman
Amadeus Arabica Corp	Director

Gil A. Buenaventura (66)/ Filipino Director (effective July 1, 2016)

Company	Position
RCBC Capital Corporation	Director
RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation	Vice-Chairman
RCBC Rental Corporation	Director
Merchants Savings and Loan Association, Inc.	Chairman
RCBC Savings Bank	Vice-Chairman
RCBC Forex Brokers Corporation	Chairman
Niyog Property Holdings, Inc.	Director
Makati Business Club	Member
De La Salle Philippines School System	Member of the Investment Committee
Bankers Association of the Philippines	Director
BancNet	Director
Management Association of the Philippines	Member

Arnold Kai Yuen Kan (58)/ Chinese Nominated for Director (June 24, 2019 – Annual Stockholders' Meeting)

Company	Position
Cathay United Bank	Chief Executive, Hong Kong Branch Head of International Banking Group
Cathay United Bank (China) Ltd	Director
New Foresight Limited	Director
Alpha Vantage Investments Limited	Director
Alpha Guard Investments Limited	Director
Krea Capital Limited	Director

Richard G.A. Westlake

(67)/
New Zealander

Director (October 1, 2014 to present)

Company	Position
Westlake Governance Limited, Wellington, New Zealand	Managing Director and Founder
Careerforce Industry Training Organisation Limited, New Zealand	Independent Chairman
The New Zealand Home Loan Company Limited, New Zealand	Independent Chairman
New Zealand Association of Credit Unions (t/a Co-op Money NZ), New Zealand	Independent Chairman
Westlake Consulting Limited, New Zealand (non-trading)	Owner and Director

John Law

(68)/
French & Taiwanese
(dual citizen)

Director (April 27, 2015 to present)

Company	Position
Oliver Wyman	Senior Advisor, Greater China
Far East Horizon Ltd.	Non-Executive Director
BNP Paribas (China) Ltd.	Independent Non-Executive Director (term will terminate by May 31, 2019)
Khan Bank (Mongolia)	Non-Executive Director
Foremost Groups	Independent Non-Executive Director
IntelliCentrics Global Holdings	Independent Non-Executive Director

Shih-Chiao (Joe) Lin

(47)/
Taiwanese

Director (March 25, 2019 to present)

Company	Position
Cathay Ventures, Inc.	Director
Cathay Life Insurance	Executive Vice President

Atty. Lilia B. De Lima

(78)/
Filipino

Nominated for Director (June 24, 2019 –
Annual Stockholders' Meeting)

Company	Position
PHINMA Corporation	Independent Director
AC Industrial Technology Holdings, Inc.	Director
IONICS, Inc.	Independent Director
EMS, Inc.	Independent Director
Science Park of the Philippines	Director
RFM Science Park of the Philippines	Director
Fatima Center for Human Development	Trustee
FWD Life Insurance Corporation	Independent Director
TOWNS, Inc.	Trustee
Dusit Thani Philippines	Director
Asian Institute of Management	Executive in Residence

The Bank is compliant with SEC Memorandum Circular No. 4, Series of 2017 on the term limit of independent directors. It provides that an independent director shall serve for a maximum cumulative term of nine years, and that the reckoning period for the cumulative nine-year term is 2012. All Independent Directors set forth below have served for less than nine (9) years reckoned from 2012.

Armando M. Medina (69)/
Filipino Independent Director (February 26, 2003 to present)

Company	Position
RCBC Capital Corp.	Independent Director
RCBC Savings Bank	Independent Director
Malayan Insurance Co.	Independent Director

Juan B. Santos (80)/
Filipino Independent Director (November 2, 2016 to present)

Company	Position
Philippine Investment Management Corp.	Director
Mitsubishi Motor Phil. Corp.	Advisory Board
House of Investments, Inc.	Director
Philippine Investment Management, Inc. (PHINMA)	Director
Dualtech Training Center Foundation	Trustee
First Philippine Holdings Co.	Director
East-West Seed Co. Inc. (Phils.)	Advisory Board
Alaska Milk Corporation	Director
Marsman-Drysdale Group	Consultant
SunLife Grepa Financial, Inc.	Independent Director
St. Luke's Medical Center	Trustee
Allamanda Management Corp.	Director

Atty. Adelita A. Vergel De Dios (72)/
Filipino Independent Director (June 27, 2016 to present)

Company	Position
RCBC Savings Bank	Independent Director

Gabriel S. Claudio (64)/
Filipino Independent Director (July 25, 2016 to present)

Company	Position
Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation	Member, Board of Directors
Ginebra San Miguel, Incorporated	Member, Board of Directors
Risk & Opportunities Assessment Management	Vice Chairman/Member, Board of Directors
Conflict Resolution Group Foundation (CORE)	Member, Board of Directors
Toby's Youth Sports Foundation	Member, Board of Directors

Vaughn F. Montes, Ph.D.

(68)/
Filipino

Independent Director (September 26, 2016 to present)

Company	Position
Parents for Education Foundation (PAREF)	Trustee
PAREF Southridge School for Boys	Chairman and President
PAREF Westbridge School for Boys	Trustee
PAREF Northfield School for Boys	Trustee
Foundation for Economic Freedom	Founding Fellow/Trustee
Center for Family Advancement	President
Center for Excellence in Governance	Director
Institute for Corporate Directors	Teaching Fellow-Corporate Governance
Asian Development Bank Technical Assistance Grant on Public Private Partnerships Program	National Consultant on Public Private Partnerships Risk Management to the National Economic Development Authority / Public Private Partnership Center

Laurito E. Serrano

(58)/
Filipino

Independent Director (March 20, 2019 to present)

Company	Position
2GO Group Inc.	Independent Director
Negros Navigation Co. Inc.	Independent Director
Atlas Consolidated Mining & Development Corporation	Independent Director
Carmen Copper Corp.	Independent Director
Pacific Online Systems Corporation	Independent Director
APC Group, Inc.	Independent Director
Axelum Resources Corp.	Independent Director
MRT Development Corporation	Director

(d) Executive Officers:

Senior Executive Vice-Presidents

ACEVEDO, Eugene S.	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Office of the President & Chief Executive Officer
BANCOD, Redentor C.	Group Head Chief of Staff	Office of the Group Head – ITSSG & Operations Office of the President & Chief Executive Officer
CEBRERO, Horacio III E.	Treasurer/Group Head	Office of the Group Head - Treasury
DEVERAS, John Thomas G.	Head, Strategic Initiatives Group Head	Office of the President & Chief Executive Officer Office of the Group Head - Asset Management & Remedial

Executive Vice-Presidents

DE JESUS, Michael O.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head – National Corporate Banking
LATINAZO, Rommel S.	President and Chief Executive Officer	RCBC Savings Bank (Secoded)
LIM, Ana Luisa S.	Chief Compliance Officer / Group Head	Office of the Group Head-Regulatory Affairs

LIM, Richard C.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head- Retail Banking
VEGAMORA, Edel Mary G.	Chief Audit Executive / Group Head	Office of the Group Head – Internal Audit
VILLANUEVA, Angelito M.	Chief Innovation and Inclusion Officer	

First Senior Vice-Presidents

AHMAD, Jamal	Group Head	Office of the Group Head - Corporate Risk Management Services
BUENO, Marita E.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head – Data Science & Analytics
CALASANZ, Simon Javier A.	President and Chief Executive Officer	RCBC Bankard Services Corporation (Seconded)
CORONEL, Elizabeth E.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head – Conglomerates and Global Corporate Banking
DELA CUESTA, George Gilbert G.	Group Head / Corporate Secretary	Office of the Group Head – Legal Affairs and Corporate Secretariat
FLORENTINO, Gerald O.	President	RCBC Securities, Inc. (Seconded)
LOPEZ, Margarita B.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head – Digital Banking
MADONZA, Florentino M.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head – Controllership
MARANAN, Remedios M.	Deputy Group Head	Office of the Group Head - Operations
MATSUMOTO, Yasuhiro	Segment Head	Global and Ecozone Segment
MIRANDA, Mario T.	Trust Officer / Group Head	Office of the Group Head – Trust & Investments
NARCISO, Emmanuel T.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head – Global Transaction Banking
ORSOLINO, Reynaldo P.	Segment Head	Emerging Corporates Segment
PEDROSA, Alberto N.	Segment Head	Investment & Markets Trading
SANTIAGO, Bennett Clarence D.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head – Credit Management
SUBIDO, Rowena F.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head – Human Resources

Senior Vice-Presidents

ALVAREZ, Ma. Christina P.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head – Corporate Planning
BILAOS, Lalaine I.	Division Head	Local Corporate Banking Segment Division II
BOLISAY, Ma. Carmela S.	Division Head	Office of the Division Head – Management Services
BORROMEO, Jose Maria P.	Segment Head	Central Funding Division
BUENAFLORES, Enrique C.	Segment Head	Global Transaction Banking
CANLAS, Karen K.	Division Head	Wealth Management Division 2
CAPINA, Brigitte B.	Regional Sales Director	South Metro Manila Regional Office
CONTRERAS, Claro Patricio L.	Division Head	Remedial Management
CRUZ, Antonio Manuel E. Jr.	Segment Head	Chinese Banking Segment 1

ERMITA, Edwin, R.	Bank Security Officer	Office of the President & Chief Executive Officer
ESTACIO, Benjamin E.	Regional Service Head	Mindanao Service Region
INDITA, Erico C.	National Sales Director	Office of the National Sales Director
LUMAIN, Jonathan Edwin F.	Chief Technology Officer	Office of the Group Head - ITTSG
MAÑAGO, Jane N.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head - Wealth Management
MENDOZA, Jose Jayson L.	Division Head	VISMIN Division – National Corporate Banking Group
MIRAL, Gerardo G.	Head of Consumer Lending Group	RCBC Savings Bank (Seconded)
NATIVIDAD, Maria Cecilia F.	Group Head	Office of the Group Head – Marketing
NOLASCO, Evelyn	Division Head	Asset Disposition Division
PAPILLA, Loida, C.	Division Head	Asset Management Support Division
PEJO, Arsilito A.	Regional Sales Director	Visayas Regional Office
PO, Honorata V.	Regional Sales Director	South Luzon Region
QUIOGUE, Nancy J.	Regional Service Head	North & Central Metro Manila Service Region
RAMOS, Elsie S.	Division Head	Legal Services Division
REYES, Ismael S.	Segment Head	Retail Banking Marketing Segment
REYES, Steven Michael T.	Segment Head	Commercial Trading and Sales
RODRIGO, Ma. Rosanna M.	Regional Sales Director	North Luzon Regional Office
RODRIGUEZ, Joseph Colin B.	Treasurer	RCBC Savings Bank (seconded)
SANTOS, Raoul V.	Division Head	Investment Services Division
SELIRIO, Libertine R.	Division Head	Global & Ecozone Segment – Division 1
SO, Johan C.	Division Head	Local Corp. Banking Segment Division 1
TABUENA, Cecilia E.	Segment Head	Local Corporate Banking Segment – Division II
SORIANO, Elvira D.	Segment Head	Office of the Group Head – Internal Audit
TINIO, Ma. Angela V.	Segment Head	Commercial and Small Medium Enterprises Banking Segment
TIRADO, Gianni Franco D.	Regional Sales Director	Mindanao Regional Office
TOMAS, Juan Gabriel R. IV	Division Head	Customer Services & Support Segment
USON, Raul Martin D.	Segment Head	Branch Services Support Segment
VALDES, Emmanuel Mari K.	Division Head	Deposit Product & Promotion Division
VELASCO, Maria Teresa C.	Division Head	Global Distribution & Advisory Division
ZAMORA, Paula Fritzie C.	Segment Head	Financial Institutions Mgt. Segment

Three of the Directors and most of the Executive Officers mentioned herein have held their positions for at least five (5) years.

There are no compensation arrangements for members of the Board of Directors, other than the per diem and dividends/profit sharing provided under Article V, Section 8, and Article XI, Section 2, respectively, of the Bank's Revised By-Laws. Key executives also receive long term bonuses earned over a 5-year period, the amount of which is tied directly to shareholder value, profitability and enterprise value.

(e) Significant Employees: There is no person other than the entire human resources as a whole, and the executive officers, who is expected to make a significant contribution to the Bank.

(f) Family Relationships: None of the Bank's Directors are related to one another or to any of the Bank's executive officers.

(g) Legal Proceedings:

In the normal course of operations of the Bank, there are various outstanding commitments and contingent liabilities such as guarantees, commitments to extend credit, tax assessments, etc., which are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. Management does not anticipate losses from these transactions that will adversely affect results of operations.

In the opinion of Management, the suits and claims arising from the normal course of operations of the Bank that remain unsettled, if decided adversely, will not involve sums that would have a material effect on Bank's financial position or operating results.

HHIC-Philippines, Inc. Rehabilitation Proceedings

On various dates, the Bank extended dollar loans to HHIC-Phil Inc. ("HHIC Phil") in the form of an Export Advance Loan facility to finance 80% of the construction cost of specific shipbuilding contracts, net of any advance payments/installment payments by shipowner. The facility is secured by a Deed of Assignment of the receivables at 80% loan value and the Comprehensive Surety Agreement executed by Hanjin Heavy Industries & Construction Co., Ltd. ("HHIC Korea"), a corporation incorporated in the Republic of Korea and parent company of HHIC Phil. Loan repayments are matched against the milestone installment payments of shipowner.

On January 9, 2019, HHIC Phil filed a petition for corporate rehabilitation ("Petition") under Republic Act No. 10142, otherwise known as the Financial Rehabilitation and Insolvency Act of 2010 ("FRIA"), before the Regional Trial Court of Branch 72, Olongapo City (the "Rehabilitation Court"), praying that the Rehabilitation Court issue (a) a Commencement Order pursuant to Section 16 of the FRIA, (b) an Order giving due course to the Petition and to the proposed rehabilitation of HHIC Phil after due proceedings, and declare HHIC Phil as fully rehabilitated upon the successful implementation of the Rehabilitation Plan annexed thereto.

In its January 14, 2019 Commencement Order and 16 January 2019 Order, the Rehabilitation Court declared HHIC Phil under rehabilitation and appointed Atty. Stefani C. Saño (Atty. Saño) as rehabilitation receiver of HHIC Phil, respectively. In its Order dated February 11, 2019, the Rehabilitation Court appointed Atty. Rosario S. Bernaldo (Atty. Bernaldo) as the new rehabilitation receiver of HHIC Phil. On February 19, 2019, (a) Atty. Bernaldo took her oath of office as such and posted the required bond; and (b) the Rehabilitation Court discharged/relieved Atty. Saño of his post and ordered Atty. Bernaldo to immediately discharge and perform her powers, duties and responsibilities as the new rehabilitation receiver of HHIC Phil.

To the extent allowable under the FRIA, RCBC, together with the four (4) other creditor banks of HHIC Phil namely, BDO Unibank, Inc., Bank of the Philippine Islands, Metropolitan Bank & Trust

Company and Land Bank of the Philippines (collectively, the “Creditor-Banks”), negotiated with HHIC Phil and HHIC Korea for a modified rehabilitation plan (“MRP”). The MRP is envisioned to ensure (a) the immediate payment to the supplier-creditors and other creditors from readily available funds; (b) the continued operation of HHIC Phil as a shipping consultant, ship maintenance provider and/or shipping subcontracting service provider; (c) the assumption by the Creditor Banks of all costs of maintenance and operations of the shipyard in order to prevent the rapid deterioration of the assets; and (d) the continued employment of the remaining employees of HHIC Phil.

As an essential component of the MRP, and to allow the Creditor-Banks to be in a position to assume the costs of maintenance and operation of the Subic shipyard, the Creditor-Banks, HHIC Phil and HHIC Korea agreed to settle the claims of the Creditor-Banks by way of a *dacion en pago*. Under the *dacion en pago*, the assets of HHIC-Phil (except for an identified few) will be transferred to the Creditor-Banks through a trustee, which shall be RCBC Trust and Investment Group (the “Trustee”). The amount of assets which will be transferred to each Creditor-Bank shall be in proportion of their respective loans to the total amount of outstanding loans. The aggregate value of the transferred assets of HHIC-Phil shall be applied to a portion of the loans of HHIC-Phil to the Creditor-Banks while the remaining balance of the loan is deemed as paid and settled. Likewise, under the MRP, the Trustee shall hold the transferred assets in trust for the Creditor-Banks. Subject to the Creditor-Banks’ instructions, the Trustee shall thereafter: (a) assign the legal title to the transferred assets or specific assets to the Creditor-Banks; (b) assign the transferred assets to a new company organized for the purpose of complying with the MRP (“NewCo”); and (c) assign the transferred assets to any third party buyer/designee or nominee of the Creditor-Banks. The Trustee/Creditor-Banks/NewCo shall assume all costs necessary to maintain or operate the transferred assets, including employee costs necessary for the transferred assets to remain maintained and operational.

On March 8, 2019, the Creditor-Banks, HHIC-Phil and HHIC-Korea filed a Verified Joint Motion for *Approval of Modified Rehabilitation Plan as a Pre-Negotiated Rehabilitation Plan Under Chapter III of the Financial Rehabilitation and Insolvency Act* dated 03 March 2019. The *Joint Motion for Approval of MRP* is already considered as submitted for resolution by the Rehabilitation Court.

As of January 31, 2019, the outstanding loan obligation of HHIC Phil to RCBC is USD149,441,585.67, inclusive of accrued and compounded interest as well as penalty on interest and principal.

Global Steel Philippines (SPV-AMC), Inc. and Global Ispat Holdings (SPV-AMC), Inc.

In October 2008, Global Steel Philippines, Inc. (“GSPI”) and Global Ispat Holdings, Inc. (“GIHI”) (collectively, “Global Steel”), which purchased the Iligan Plant assets (“NSC Plant Assets”) of the National Steel Corporation (“NSC”) from the Liquidator (as defined in the Asset Purchase Agreement (“APA”) dated 1 September 2004) in 2004, initiated arbitration proceedings with the Singapore International Arbitration Center (“SIAC”) seeking damages on account of the failure of the Liquidator and the Secured Creditors (as also defined in the APA), including the Bank and RCBC Capital Corporation (“RCAP”), to deliver the NSC Plant Assets free and clear from liens and encumbrance, purportedly depriving Global Steel of the opportunity to use the NSC Plant Assets to secure additional loans to fund the operations of the NSC Steel Mill Plant and upgrade the same.

On May 9, 2012, the SIAC Arbitral Tribunal rendered a partial award in favor of Global Steel in the amounts of (a) USD 80.00 million, as and by way of lost opportunity to make profits and (b) ₱ 1,403.00 million, representing the value of the undelivered billet shop land measuring 3.41 hectares (the “Lost Land Claim”). On appeal, and on 31 July 2014, the Singapore High Court set aside the partial award. On March 31, 2015, the Singapore Court of Appeals rendered a decision which affirmed the earlier decision of the Singapore High Court but held that the Liquidator and Secured Creditors are still required to deliver to Global Steel clean title to the NSC Plant Assets.

The Bank's total exposure in connection with the obligation to transfer clean title to the NSC Plant Assets to Global Steel, as of December 31, 2018, is approximately ₱ 216,665,618.98 in terms of estimated property taxes and transfer costs due on the NSC Plant Assets, as a result of the Philippine Supreme Court's affirmation of the ruling that all pre-closing taxes on the NSC Plant Assets are deemed paid. On the other hand, the Bank has a receivable from Global Steel in the amount of ₱ 485.50 million. The Bank has fully provisioned the receivable, which is classified in the books of the Bank as Unquoted Debt Securities Classified as Loans ("UDSCL") with zero net book value. The Bank's exposure, however, may be varied depending on whether the Iligan City's assessment of the post-closing taxes will be sustained as valid (including those imposed on non-operational machineries).

Notwithstanding the finality of the Philippine Supreme Court's ruling on the pre-closing taxes, on October 19, 2016, the Iligan City foreclosed on NSC's properties after issuing a Notice of Delinquency against NSC, seeking to collect the taxes covering the period 1999 to 2016. In an order dated April 4, 2017, the Makati City Regional Trial Court (a) nullified the public auction of the NSC Plant Assets, among others, (b) enjoined any and all real property tax collection actions against the NSC until the decision dated October 7, 2011, which held that the NSC's pre-closing taxes have been paid, is fully executed and NSC's remaining tax liabilities are correctly computed. The Local Government Unit ("LGU") and the Iligan City Treasurer, among others, moved for reconsideration of this order. In an Omnibus Order dated May 21, 2018, the Makati City Regional Trial Court denied the aforementioned Motion for Reconsideration, as well as the Iligan City's and Iligan City Treasurer's Urgent Motion to recall the Orders dated October 18, 2016 and April 4, 2017, among others.

The Iligan City, filed with the Court of Appeals a Petition for Certiorari dated July 6, 2018, insisting that the said LGU had the right to sell at public auction the NSC Plant Assets and other NSC properties due to non-payment both pre-closing and post-closing taxes. The Petition likewise alleged that (a) the writ of execution issued by the Makati City Regional Trial Court was null and void, and (b) the case before the Makati City Regional Trial Court was an action to assail the tax delinquency auction sale which should not have been given due course for non-payment of docket fees and non-deposit of the contested tax amount of P4,610.00.

Verotel Merchant Services B.V.

In 2011, Verotel Merchant Services B.V. ("VMS"), a Dutch corporation, and Verotel International Industries, Inc. ("VII"), a Philippine corporation, civilly sued the Bank, Bankard, Inc. ("Bankard") Grupo Mercarse Corp., CNP. Worldwide, Inc. and several individuals before the Los Angeles Superior Court for various causes of action including fraud, breach of contract and accounting, claiming that VII and its alleged parent company, VMS, failed to receive the total amount of US\$1.50 million, which the defendants allegedly misappropriated. VMS is an internet merchant providing online adult entertainment and online gambling, in addition to the sale of pharmaceuticals over the internet. Following an initial jury verdict in favor of VMS, and a series of subsequent motions and a reduction of monetary damages awarded to VMS, the Bank/Bankard filed their Notice of Appeal with the California Court of Appeals on July 11, 2016. On October 2, 2017, the Bank/Bankard filed their Revised Opening Brief on their appeal of the verdict with the California Court of Appeals. On March 28, 2018, the Bank/Bankard was advised of the filing of VMS's Combined Respondents' Brief and Cross-Appellants' Opening Brief. On August 14, 2018, the Bank/Bankard filed their combined Reply and Cross-Respondent's Brief. In accordance with prior stipulations, VMS timely filed its Final Reply Brief dated October 31, 2018. The parties are now awaiting the advice of the Court of Appeals on the schedule date of the oral arguments.

RCBC Securities Case

In December 2011, RCBC Securities, Inc. ("RSEC") initiated the filing of a criminal case for falsification against its former agent, Mary Grace V. Valbuena ("Valbuena"), who carried out certain questionable transactions with her own personal clients. Since then, RSEC has filed additional criminal and civil cases, including charges of violations of Batas Pambansa Blg. 22 ("BP 22"), against the aforesaid former agent. On 17 November 2016, the Metropolitan Trial Court of Makati City, Branch 66, convicted Valbuena of the crime of BP 22. Valbuena proposed to pay RSEC ₱ 30.00 million, payable in five years, in settlement of all the claims against her, which RSEC refused. Valbuena's appeal is now submitted for resolution, without prejudice to any settlement between the parties. On November 27, 2017, the Regional Trial Court of Makati, Branch 141, issued a Decision denying Valbuena's appeal. Thereafter, Valbuena filed a Motion for Reconsideration, which was likewise denied by the same court on April 2018. Valbuena subsequently filed a Petition for Review with the Court of Appeals to question the said decision and order of the Regional Trial Court. RSEC has filed its Comment/Opposition to the said Petition for Review. The Office of the Solicitor General has likewise filed its Comment/Opposition. At present, we are awaiting the Court of Appeal's action on Valbuena's Petition for Review.

In May 2012, the Capital Markets Integrity Corporation ("CMIC") conducted an investigation on the complaint filed by Francisco Ken Cortes against RSEC. On July 3, 2015, the CMIC issued a Resolution of even date dismissing the complaint filed by Mr. Cortes. In October 2015, the CMIC affirmed the dismissal of Mr. Cortes' complaint with the denial of his Motion for Reconsideration dated 21 July 2015. Mr. Cortes did not file any appeal before the SEC en banc, so that the dismissal of his complaint is now final and executory.

In September 2014, Carlos S. Palanca IV ("Palanca") and Cognatio Holdings, Inc. ("Cognatio") likewise filed a complaint against RSEC with the CMIC, even as Cognatio's earlier complaint dated 30 December 2013 against RSEC, its former Vice President for Operations/Chief Finance Officer ("CFO"), its former Compliance Officer and Valbuena, is pending with the Enforcement and Investor Protection Department of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("EIPD-SEC") ("SEC Cognatio Case"). In its decision letter dated 4 December 2014, the CMIC dismissed the complaint on the ground of prescription and res judicata. Consequently, Palanca/Cognatio respectively appealed the case to the SEC en banc, which granted the appeals of Palanca/Cognatio and reversed the CMIC's decision. In turn, RSEC appealed the SEC en banc's reversal of the CMIC decision to the Court of Appeals. On 27 October 2017, the Court of Appeals granted RSEC's Petition for Review and reinstated the CMIC decision, ruling that Palanca/Cognatio committed willful and deliberate forum shopping. Palanca/Cognatio's Motion for Reconsideration, which RSEC opposed via its Comment/Opposition dated 22 February 2018. Palanca/Cognatio then filed a Reply thereto dated March 9, 2018. In a Resolution dated September 5, 2018, the Court of Appeals denied Palanca/Cognatio's Motion for Reconsideration. Palanca and Cognatio filed a Petition for Review dated 5 September 2018 with the Supreme Court, assailing the Decision dated October 27, 2017 and Resolution dated September 5, 2018 both issued by the Court of Appeals. RSEC filed its Comment/Opposition dated 11 February 2019 to the Petition for Review, to which Palanca and Cognatio filed their Reply dated March 25, 2019. The case remains pending with the Supreme Court.

On the other hand, in the SEC Cognatio Case, RSEC and its former Chief Financial Officer filed a manifestation with motion to dismiss in light of the above-cited decision of the Court of Appeals finding Palanca/Cognatio guilty of willful and deliberate forum-shopping, which was followed by the filing of other pleadings, the last of which was Cognatio's Rejoinder. The SEC-EIPD issued its Order dated 3 April 2019, finding RSEC liable for violation of the Securities Regulations Code, imposing upon it a total monetary fine of Five Million Pesos (PhP5,000,000.00), and directing it to submit amended internal control procedures strengthening its Chinese Wall Policy and adopting counter-measures to validate transactions executed by its salesmen. On April 25, 2019, RSEC filed a

Manifestation stating that it does not agree with the factual findings of the SEC-EIPD in the order. Nonetheless, RSEC manifested that it is willing to comply with the Honorable Office's directive in the Order and respectfully proposes to pay immediately in full and complete settlement the monetary fine as reduced by fifty percent (50%), or in the total amount of P2,500,000.

On February 22, 2013, Stephen Y. Ku ("Ku") filed a complaint against RSEC with the Regional Trial Court of Makati, Branch 149 (the "Makati Trial Court"), praying, among others, for the return of his shares of stock and cash payments which he claims to have turned over to Valbuena in the approximate amount of at least One Hundred Two Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Seven and 91/100 Pesos (PhP102,889,237.91).. On 20 May 2013, RSEC sought the dismissal of the complaint on the ground of non-payment of the correct filing fees and failure to state a case of action, which was, however, denied by the Makati Trial Court. Aggrieved, RSEC filed a Petition for Certiorari with the Court of Appeals on 22 November 2013, which was given due course. In the Decision dated 9 October 2014, the Court of Appeals sustained RSEC's position and ordered the dismissal of the complaint pending before the Makati Trial Court on the ground of lack of jurisdiction. In a Petition for Review dated 15 September 2015, Ku sought the reversal of the ruling of the Court of Appeals, and as an alternative, prayed to be allowed to re-file his Complaint sans docket fees.

In a Decision dated October 17, 2018, the Supreme Court granted Ku's Petition holding that the Court of Appeals erred in dismissing the case given that (a) commercial courts retain its general jurisdiction to try ordinary civil cases such as the complaint initiated by Ku, and (b) Ku's immediate payment of the deficiency docket fees shows that he did not intentionally sought to evade the payment of the correct filing fees, so as to merit the dismissal of his complaint. On November 28, 2018, RSEC filed its Motion for Reconsideration of the same date. However, in a Resolution dated 23 January 2019, the Philippine Supreme Court denied RSEC's Motion for Reconsideration.

Applicability of RR 4-2011

On March 15, 2011, the Bureau of Internal Revenue ("BIR") issued Revenue Regulations No. 4-2011 ("RR 4-2011") which prescribed that for income tax reporting purposes, banks and other financial institutions must (a) report costs and expenses either under Regular Banking Unit ("RBU") or FCDU/Expanded FCDU ("EFCDU") or Offshore Banking Unit ("OBU") if specifically identified as such; or (b) allocate such cost and expenses, which cannot be specifically identified, based on percentage share of gross income earnings of a unit. The BIR, however, issued assessment notices to banks and other financial institutions for deficiency income tax for alleged non-intra-unit allocation of costs and expenses to exempt income and income subjected to final tax within RBU and within FCDU.

On April 6, 2015, the Bank and other member-banks of the Bankers Association of the Philippines ("BAP") ("Petitioners"), filed a Petition for Declaratory Relief with Application for Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO") and/or Writ of Preliminary Injunction with the Regional Trial Court of Makati ("Makati Trial Court"), wherein the Petitioners assailed the validity of RR 4-2011 on the ground, among others, that (a) RR 4-2011 violates the Petitioners' substantive due process rights; (b) it is not only illegal but also unfair, as it violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution; (c) that it serves as a deterrent to banks to invest in capital market transactions to the prejudice of the economy; and (d) it sets a dangerous precedent for the disallowance of full deductions due to the prescribed method of allocation.

On April 8, 2015, the Makati Trial Court issued a TRO enjoining the BIR from enforcing RR 4-2011. Also, on April 27, 2015, Makati Trial Court issued a Writ of Preliminary Injunction enjoining the BIR from enforcing, carrying out, or implementing in any way or manner RR 04-2011 against the Bank and other BAP member banks, including the issuing Preliminary Assessment Notice or Final Assessment Notice against them during the pendency of the litigation, unless sooner dissolved.

On June 10, 2015, Makati Trial Court issued a Confirmatory Order stating that the TRO and Writ of Preliminary Injunction also prohibits the BIR from ruling or deciding on any administrative matter pending before it in relation to the subject revenue regulations and insofar as the Bank and other BAP member banks are concerned. The pre-trial conference of the case began on August 2, 2016, and continued to August 3, 2017. During the hearing on August 3, 2017, in lieu of trial for the resolution of the case, the Makati Trial Court directed the parties to file their respective Memorandum on September 15, 2017, which has been complied with. In an Order dated May 25, 2018, the Makati Trial Court granted the Petition for Declaratory Relief and declared RR 4-2011 null and void for being issued beyond the authority of the Secretary of Finance and Commissioner of Internal Revenue. The Makati Trial Court likewise made permanent the Writ of Preliminary Injunction it issued earlier.

The Department of Finance (“DOF”) and the BIR elevated the matter to the Supreme Court via its Petition for Review on Certiorari dated August 1, 2018, alleging that (a) the petitions assailing the validity of RR 4-2011 should have been brought before the Court of Tax Appeal and not the Makati Trial Court, (b) upon the issuance of RR 4-2011, the banks should have already adjusted their accounting and book keeping methods, (c) the declaratory relief action was no longer proper in view of the issuance of Preliminary Assessment Notices, and (d) RR 4-2011 is a valid regulatory issuance of the DOF and BIR.

Alleged Unauthorized Transfer of funds – Bank of Bangladesh

In February 2016, four allegedly unauthorized transfers of funds from the Bank of Bangladesh’s FRBNY’s bank account to four accounts in the Bank occurred, which were eventually transferred to various accounts outside of the Bank and into casinos. In August 2016, the Monetary Board approved the imposition of supervisory action on the Bank to pay the amount of ₱ 1.00 billion in relation to the completed special examination. The Bank has fully recognized the BSP’s ₱ 1.00 billion fine as part of miscellaneous expenses in its 2016 Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss, and it has paid this penalty in full ahead of the August 2017 deadline set by the BSP. The Bank’s payment of the penalty did not affect its ability to perform its existing obligations or unduly hamper its operations. Nonetheless, there may still be other regulatory cases arising from these events.

U.S. Litigation relating to the BOB Incident

On January 31, 2019, the Bank of Bangladesh filed a complaint with the United States District Court Southern District of New York principally against the Bank, its current and former officers who had significant involvement in the BOB Incident, a money service business and its principals, junket operators and the casinos where the funds were eventually remitted, claiming that they allegedly conspired with North Korean hackers to steal funds from its FRBNY bank account and launder the same. In particular, the Bank of Bangladesh asserted nine (9) causes of action, including conversion, fraud and conspiracy, and is seeking the full amount of the allegedly stolen funds, plus interest, attorney’s fees, and other damages, including treble damages under the Federal Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations (“RICO”) Act.

The Bank has not been properly served with summons in connection with the lawsuit brought by the Bank of Bangladesh, and will seek the dismissal of the case on both procedural and substantive grounds, including but not limited to (a) the ineffectual service of summons upon it, (b) the Bank’s contact with New York are not sufficient to confer personal jurisdiction over the Bank in New York; and (c) failure of the Complaint to plead a legitimate basis for federal court jurisdiction, as its Federal RICO claim fails as a matter of law. An initial conference has been scheduled by the U.S. District Court on May 21, 2019.

Philippine Litigation relating to the BOB Incident

On March 6, 2019, the Bank and Ismael R. Reyes filed a complaint for Injunction and Damages against the Bank of Bangladesh with the Makati City Regional Trial Court ("Makati Trial Court") for (a) the latter's repeated acts of defaming, harassing and threatening the Bank and Mr. Reyes, which is geared to damage their good name, reputation and image, and (b) making it appear that the Bank and Mr. Reyes were involved in the theft of the US\$81 Million from its FRBNY bank account, and thus, had the legal obligation to pay/return the same. The main thrust of the Complaint is that (a) the Bank of Bangladesh lost the US\$81 Million the minute the said funds were transferred out of its FRBNY's bank account, and the Bank and Mr. Reyes had no participation therein; and (b) despite this fact, the Bank of Bangladesh has been making very public and outrageous claim that the Bank (and its officers, including Mr. Reyes) alleged conspired with North Korean hackers to steal the said funds and launder the same, which repeated negative publicity is apparently intended to pressure the Bank into paying a settlement amount thereto.

In his Officer's Return dated March 14, 2019, the Court Sheriff of the Makati Trial Court reported that, on March 12, 2019, he personally served the Summons and a copy of the Complaint upon Mr. Abu Hena Mohammad Razeen Hasan, Deputy Governor of the Bangladesh Bank and Head of its Financial Intelligence Unit, who refused the same. As such, he was constrained to tender the Summons and Complaint, by leaving the same on top of the table and in Mr. Hasan's presence. The Bangladesh Bank filed a Return of Summons and Manifestation by Special Appearance assailing the propriety of the service of Summons, among others. The case has been tentatively set for mediation on April 26, 2019 and Judicial Dispute Resolution conference on May 30, 2019.

Specific Litigation involving the Bank's officers

On November 18, 2016, the AMLC filed a criminal complaint against current and former employees of the Bank in relation to the BOB Incident with the Department of Justice (DOJ). The AMLC alleged that respondents Raul Victor B. Tan, Ismael S. Reyes, Brigitte R. Capiña, Nestor O. Pineda, Romualdo S. Agarrado and Angela Ruth S. Torres violated Section 4(f) of R.A. No. 9160, as amended ("AMLA"), in connection with the BOB Incident. The AMLC alleged that each of the named persons performed or failed to perform an act, which facilitated the crime of money laundering, particularly the remittance and eventual withdrawal of US\$81.00 million from certain accounts maintained at the Bank.

On March 27, 2017, respondents Tan, Reyes, Capiña and Agarrado, as well as respondent Pineda filed their affidavits contesting, among other things, their culpability and the existence of several required elements to the charges alleged by the AMLC. Between May and July 2017, the AMLC and the aforementioned individuals filed various affidavits and manifestations in connection with the charges. In a Resolution dated February 5, 2018, the newly assigned DOJ investigating prosecutor found probable cause against respondents Tan, et al., and recommended the filing of the corresponding Information against them. On March 22, 2018, respondents Tan, Reyes, Capiña, and Agarrado timely filed their Motion for Reconsideration on the aforementioned Resolution.

In a belatedly filed Consolidated Opposition dated June 21, 2018, the AMLC insisted that the Philippine courts have adopted the US "Willful Blindness" doctrine, and that the contents of the MT103 message should have made respondents Tan, Reyes and Capiña suspicious of the remittances in issue. In their Reply dated August 7, 2018, respondents Tan, Reyes, and Capiña pointed out, among others, that (a) the AMLC's position is a departure from its earlier claim that respondents Tan, Reyes and Capiña ought to be charged for failing to read the same MT103 message, and (b) only final decisions of the Supreme Court become judicial precedents, and that the cited tax evasion decision of the Court of Tax Appeals cannot be accorded the same status. Respondent Agarrado, for his part, reiterated that it was respondent Torres and Deguito who approved the large transaction withdrawals on February 9, 2016, and not him. On 12 December 2018, respondents Tan, Reyes, Capiña and Agarrado filed an Urgent Motion for Inhibition, praying

that the Philippine DOJ officials who issued the Resolution finding probable cause against them inhibit themselves from the proceedings. Both Motions for reconsideration and inhibition remain pending for resolution.

On March 8, 2016, William S. Go, an existing client of the Bank in another Business Center, and the Bank, filed criminal charges against (a) Maia Santos-Deguito, the former Branch Manager of the Makati Jupiter Business Center ("Makati Jupiter BC"), and (b) Angela Ruth S. Torres, the former Senior Customer Service Officer of the Makati Jupiter BC, with the Office of the City Prosecutor of the Makati City ("OCP-Makati"). The criminal complaints alleged that the two former employees: (a) falsified bank documents in order to open fictitious U.S. Dollar and Peso denominated accounts in the name of William S. Go DBA Centurytex Trading, which were used in the transfer/conversion of US\$81.00 million subject of the BOB Incident, and (b) Angela Ruth S. Torres committed perjury when she executed the affidavit identifying William S. Go as the person who allegedly received the ₱20.00 million withdrawn from his fictitious Peso account on February 5, 2016.

The OCP-Makati found probable cause to charge Maia Santos-Deguito with several counts of falsification, now docketed as Criminal Case Nos. 16-5175 CR to 16-5177 CR, "People of the Philippines vs. Maia Santos Deguito", which are currently being heard by the Metropolitan Trial Court of Makati City, Branch 63. In view of the untimely death of Mr. William Go, the Prosecution and external counsel will instead subpoena another witness and the Head of the Legislative Records and Archives Section, Philippine Senate, for the production of the video recordings and the Transcript of Stenographic Notes of Mr. William Go's testimony before the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee, where Mr. Go denied any participation in the transactions relating to the BOB Incident. The Prosecution is set to continue its presentation of evidence in June 2019.

On the other hand, while the OCP-Makati dismissed the charges of falsification against Angela Ruth S. Torres, it found probable cause to charge her for perjury. The aforementioned case, Criminal Case No. M-MKT-16-06765-CR, "People of the Philippines v. Angela Ruth Torres", is also being heard by the Metropolitan Trial Court of Makati City, Branch 63. The Prosecution is currently presenting its evidence against Ms. Torres. The Bank has several petitions for review currently pending in relation to actions that it has initiated against former Bank employees in relation to the Bangladesh incident.

There are no known trends, demands, and commitments, events, or uncertainties that will have a material impact on the Bank's operational performance and ability to service obligations.

Except for the above-mentioned proceedings, the Bank is not aware of any suits and claims by or against it or its subsidiaries, which if decided adversely would have a material effect on its financial position or operating results.

(h) Non-Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings:

To the knowledge and/or information of the Bank, the nominees for election as Directors of the Bank, its present members of the Board of Directors or its Executive Officers, are not, presently or during the last five (5) years, involved or have been involved in any legal proceeding decided adversely affecting/involving themselves, and/or their property before any court of law or administrative body in the Philippines or elsewhere.

No director has resigned or declined to stand for re-election to the board of directors since the date of the annual meeting of security holders because of disagreement with the Bank on any matter relating to the Bank's operations, policies or practices.

To the knowledge and/or information of the Bank, none of the following events has occurred with respect to the nominees for election as Directors of the Bank, its present members of the Board of Directors, its Executive Officers, underwriters, or control persons during the last five (5) years:

- a. Any bankruptcy petition filed by or against any business of which such person was a general partner or executive officer either at the time of the bankruptcy or within two years prior to that time;
- b. Any conviction by final judgment in a criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, or being subject to a pending criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses;
- c. Being subject to any order, judgment, or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending or otherwise limiting his involvement in any type of business, securities, commodities or banking activities; and
- d. Being found by a domestic or foreign court of competent jurisdiction (in a civil action), the Commission or comparable foreign body, or a domestic or foreign Exchange or other organized trading market or self-regulatory organization, to have violated a securities or commodities law or regulation and the judgment has not been reversed, suspended, or vacated.

(i) Certain Relationships and Related Transactions:

The Bank is a 41.56%-owned subsidiary of Pan Malayan Management and Investment Corporation (PMMIC), the holding company of the flagship institutions of the Yuchengco Group of Companies (YGC). As of December 31, 2018, Cathay Life Insurance Corporation (Cathay) also owns 23.35% interest in RCBC.

The Bank and its subsidiaries, in the ordinary course of business, engage in transactions with entities within the YGC. The Bank adheres to the policy that transactions with related parties are conducted at arm's length with any consideration paid or received by the Bank or any of its subsidiaries in connection with any such transaction being on terms no less favorable to the Bank than terms available to any unconnected third party under the same or similar circumstances, and the same has been institutionalized in the Bank's Policy on Related Party Transactions (the "Policy").

The Policy adopts an expanded definition of "related parties." Related parties include directors, officers, stockholders and related interests ("DOSRI") as defined under the General Banking Law, BSP Circular 895, and other related issuances, as well as members of the Advisory Board of the Bank, consultants of the Bank, entities within the conglomerate of which the Bank is a member, and subsidiaries of related parties. The Bank maintains a database of related parties which is regularly updated to capture organizational and structural changes within the YGC.

Transactions with related parties involving an amount of at least Pesos: Ten Million (Php10,000,000.00), or significant transactions with related parties requiring Board approval regardless of amount, are reportable to the RPT Board Committee as related party transactions ("RPTs"). Related party transactions involving amounts below the materiality threshold of Pesos: Ten Million (Php10,000,000.00) are reportable to the RPT Management Committee.

Related parties, through their respective account officers, are enjoined to notify the appropriate Related Party Transactions Committee of any potential RPT as soon as they become aware of it. The RPT Board Committee is composed of at least three members of the Board of Directors, entirely consisting of independent and non-executive directors, with independent directors comprising the majority. The Chairman is an independent director. The RPT Management Committee is composed of heads of the Controllership Group, Operations Group, Corporate Risk Management Services Group, Retail Banking Group, and Corporate Planning Group, or their selected designates.

If a transaction is determined to be an RPT, the said transaction and all its relevant details are required to be submitted to the appropriate RPT Committee for evaluation. Once determined to be on arm's length terms, RPTs evaluated by the RPT Board Committee are thereafter presented to the Board of Directors for approval while transactions reviewed and approved by the RPT Management Committee are presented to the Board of Directors for confirmation. In the event that a member of the Board has an interest in the transaction under evaluation, the said member shall not participate in the discussion and shall abstain from voting on the approval of the RPT. Pursuant to BSP Circular No. 895, as amended, and the Bank's Corporate Governance Manual, the Bank's significant transactions with its DOSRI and related parties were confirmed by majority vote of the Bank's stockholders during the last annual stockholders' meeting on 25 June 2018.

The review of related party transactions is part of the compliance testing of the Compliance Office as well as audit work program of the Internal Audit Group.

The Group's significant transactions with its related parties as of end December 2018 include loans and receivables and deposit liabilities. The total amount of loans outstanding was at P3.785 Billion [Note 28.1, Notes to Financial Statements] while total deposit liabilities was at P5.055 Billion [Note 28.2, Note to Financial Statements] as of December 31, 2017.

The Bank complies with existing BSP regulations on loans, credit accommodations and guarantees to its DOSRI.

In the ordinary course of business, the Group has loan transactions with each other, their other affiliates, and with certain DOSRIs. Under existing policies of the Group, these loans are made substantially on the same terms as loans to other non-related individuals and business of comparable risks.

Under current BSP regulations, the amount of loans to each DOSRI, 70% of which must be secured, should not exceed the amount of his deposit and book value of his investment in the Bank. In the aggregate, loans to DOSRIs, generally, should not exceed the total capital funds or 15% of the total loan portfolio of the Bank and/or any of its lending and non-banking financial subsidiaries, whichever is lower. However, non-risk loans are excluded in both individual and aggregate ceiling computations. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Group and the Parent Company are in compliance with these requirements.

The total amount of Parent Company DOSRI loans was at P500 million as of end December 2017 and was at P469 million by end of December 2018. [Note 28.1, Notes to Financial Statements]

Certain of the Bank's major related party transactions are described below

- *Sale and Purchase of Securities* - The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries engage in the trading of investment securities as counterparties to the transaction. These transactions are priced similar to transactions with other counterparties outside the Group and there are no unsettled transactions as of the end of each reporting period. [Note 28.3, Notes to Financial Statements]
- *Retirement Fund* - The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries' retirement funds covered under their defined benefit post-employment plan maintained for qualified employees are administered and managed by the Parent Company's and RSB's Trust Departments in accordance with the respective trust agreements covering the plan. [Note 28.4, Notes to Financial Statements]

Transactions with subsidiaries which are eliminated in the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

- *Lease contract with RRC and Sublease Agreements with Subsidiaries* - The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries occupy several floors of RCBC Plaza as leaseholders of RRC. The occupancy of some of subsidiaries in RCBC Plaza is covered by sublease agreements with RCBC. RCBC's lease contract with RRC is effective until December 31, 2020 [Note 28.5(a), Notes to Financial Statements]
- *Lease Contract on RSB Corporate Center* - In October 2013, the Parent Company and RSB entered into a lease agreement covering certain office and parking spaces of RSB Corporate Center at a monthly rental fee of P7. The monthly rental payments are subject to an escalation rate of 5% annually effective in 2014 up to the 5th year of the lease term. The initial lease is for a period of five years which ended in October 2018 and was renewed in September 2018 for an extended period. [Note 28.5(b), Notes to Financial Statements]
- *Service Agreement with RBSC* - The Parent Company has Service Agreement with RBSC, wherein RBSC shall provide the Parent Company with marketing, distribution, technical, collection and selling assistance and processing services in connection with the operation of the Parent Company's credit card business. [Note 28.5(c), Notes to Financial Statements]
- *Capital Infusion to RCBC LFC* - In August 2018, the Board of Directors of RCBC approved the additional capital infusion to RCBC LFC amounting to P800 million, which was paid to the latter in November 2018 after RCBC LFC's BOD approved the increase in its authorized capital stock in its meeting held in October 2018. As the application for the increase in authorized capital stock is not yet filed by RCBC LFC to the SEC as of December 31, 2018, the P800 deposit for future stock subscription is recognized and presented as part of Other Resources Account in the 2018 statement of financial position of RCBC. [Note 12.1, par. 2, Notes to Financial Statements]
- The Bank has service agreements with RSB and RBSC for the in-sourced internal audit services. The Bank provides full-scope audit services to RSB and limited audit services to RBSC, specifically IT audit, operations audit and financial statements review. Also, the Bank has formalized the service agreements for the internal audit services being provided to subsidiaries namely: RCBC Capital Corp., RCBC Securities, Inc., RCBC Forex Brokers Corp., Merchant Savings and Loan Association, Inc. (Rizal Microbank), RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation and Niyog Property Holdings, Inc.
- The Bank has a service agreement with RCBC Forex Brokers Corporation (RCBC Forex) for in-sourced services, rendered by the following business units: 1) business and operational risk, 2) compliance, 3) internal audit, 4) information technology, and 5) human resources. The services shall be limited to: compliance with relevant laws, rules and regulations, market, liquidity, and operational risk management, internal audit, information technology, review of salary and processing of payroll on a bi-monthly basis, and implementation of exclusive succession planning, human resources information system and database administration and organization of training programs.
- The Bank has a service agreement with RCBC Forex and RSB for the referral of money service business customers to RCBC Forex, to facilitate the purchase and/or sale of foreign currencies. The services to be rendered are relative to account opening and compliance with customer identification regulatory requirements.

The Bank's other transactions with affiliates include service agreements, leasing office premises to subsidiaries which is eliminated during consolidation, accreditation of RCBC Trust agent and of insurance companies, and regular banking transactions (including purchases and sales of trading account securities, securing insurance coverage on loans and property risks and intercompany advances), all of which are at arms' length and conducted in the ordinary course of business.

The Bank does not have any transactions with promoters within the past five (5) years. The Bank does not have transactions with parties that fall outside the definition of related parties under regulations, but with whom the registrants or its related parties have a relationship that enables the parties to negotiate terms of material transactions that may not be available from other, more clearly independent parties on an arm's length basis.

The foregoing information is correlated with the information in Note 28 of the Audited Financial Statements annexed to this Information Statement (please see Notes to Financial Statements, Annex "B-1").

6. Compensation of Directors and Executive Officers

Executive Compensation:

Information as to the aggregate compensation paid or accrued during the last three fiscal years to the Bank's Chief Executive Officer and four other most highly compensated executive officers follows (in thousand pesos):

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES			
Names	Principal Position	Aggregate Compensation (net of Bonuses)	Bonuses
2019 Estimate			
Eugene S. Acevedo	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	86,750	28,917
Redentor C. Bancod	Senior Executive Vice President		
Horacio E. Cebrero III	Senior Executive Vice President		
John Thomas G. Deveras	Senior Executive Vice President		
Emmanuel T. Narciso	First Senior Vice President		
2018 Actual			
Gil A. Buenaventura	President & Chief Executive Officer	68,992	21,756
Redentor C. Bancod	Senior Executive Vice President		
John Thomas G. Deveras	Senior Executive Vice President		
Rommel S. Latinazo	Executive Vice President		
Emmanuel T. Narciso	First Senior Vice President		
2017 Actual			
Gil A. Buenaventura	President & Chief Executive Officer	65,870	48,945
Redentor C. Bancod	Senior Executive Vice President		
John Thomas G. Deveras	Senior Executive Vice President		
Chester Y. Luy	Senior Executive Vice President		
Rommel S. Latinazo	Executive Vice President		
Officers and Directors as a Group Unnamed			
2019 Estimate		3,297,939	1,002,996
2018 Actual		2,931,501	891,552
2017 Actual		2,060,985	964,604

Profit Sharing Bonus:

The members of the Board of Directors, the Advisory Board, the Executive Committee and the Officers of the Bank are entitled to profit sharing bonus as provided for in Section 2 Article XI of the By-Laws of the Bank.

Likewise, the members of the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board are entitled to per diem for every meeting they attended. For the years 2018 and 2017, total per diem amounted to P12.17 million and P14.60 million, respectively.

The above-named executive officers and directors, and all officers and directors as a group, do not hold equity warrants or options as the Bank does not have any outstanding equity warrants or options.

7. Independent Public Accounts

Punongbayan and Araullo (P&A) acts as the independent auditor of RCBC, RCBC Savings Bank, RCBC Forex Brokers Inc., and RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation since 2006, of RCBC Capital since 2003, of Merchants Savings and Loan Association, Inc. since 2008 and of RCBC JPL since 2009.

In connection with the audits of the Bank's financial statements for the two (2) most recent years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, there were no disagreements with P&A on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosures, audit scope or procedure.

P&A has been the independent external auditor of the Bank beginning with the audited financial statements (AFS) for the year ended December 31, 2005 and they will be recommended for re-appointment at the scheduled annual stockholders' meeting. For period 2005-2009 Mr. Leonardo Cuaresma, Jr. was the handling/signing partner of the Bank. Mr. Cuaresma, Jr. was replaced by Mr. Romualdo V. Murcia III as the handling/signing partner in 2010 and 2011. Mr. Murcia was replaced by Mr. Benjamin P. Valdez in 2012 and 2013. For the years 2014 to 2017, Ms. Maria Isabel E. Comedia was the handling/signing partner of the Bank which was further replaced by Mr. Anthony L. Ng for the year 2018.

Representatives of P&A are expected to be present at the stockholders' meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will be available to answer appropriate questions.

The Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee are as follows: Mr. Laurito E. Serrano as Chairman, and Atty. Adelita A. Vergel De Dios and Vaughn F. Montes as Members.

The Bank is in compliance with the SRC Rule 68 (3)(b)(iv).

8. Compensation Plans – Not Applicable

C. ISSUANCE AND EXCHANGE OF SECURITIES

9. Authorization or Issuance of Securities Other than for Exchange – Not applicable

10. Modification or Exchange of Securities – Not applicable

11. Financial and Other Information

- a. Financial statements meeting the requirements of SRC Rule 68, as amended**
Please see Annex "B" (includes Supplementary Schedules required by SRC Rule 68-
Please see Annex "B-1")
- b. Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD & A) or Plan of Operation**
Please see Annex "A"

c. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosures

None.

d. A statement as to whether or not representatives of the principal accountants for the current year and for the most recently completed fiscal year:

Representatives of Punongbayan & Araullo are expected to be present at the stockholders' meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will be available to answer appropriate questions.

12. Mergers, Consolidations, Acquisitions and Similar Matters –

The Bank is in the process of securing the approval of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and other relevant agencies, for the merger into the Bank of its wholly-owned subsidiary, the RCBC Savings Bank (RSB). The merger and Plan of Merger have been approved by the respective Boards and by at least 2/3 of the stockholders of both the Bank and RSB.

Upon the terms and subject to conditions of the Plan of Merger, the approval by the stockholders of both RCBC and RSB, the approval of the merger by regulators including, the BSP and the SEC, RSB shall merge with and into RCBC. RCBC shall be the surviving corporation of the Merger and shall continue its corporate existence under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines; the separate existence of RSB shall terminate on the effectivity of the merger. Among others, the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and directors of RCBC shall continue in effect.

RSB shall transfer its net assets to RCBC in exchange for common shares of RCBC. The number of RCBC common shares that will be issued pursuant to the merger shall be determined using the respective Net Asset Value per common share of the RCBC and RSB as of December 31, 2018 as reflected in their respective Audited Financial Statements. The common shares of RCBC issued pursuant to the merger shall be acquired and recorded as treasury shares by RCBC in exchange for RCBC's investment in RSB common shares.

The proposed transaction will facilitate for the RCBC Group the following objectives: (1) more efficient capital deployment, (2) more efficient compliance with the Basel 3 liquidity ratios, (3) optimal coordination of the branch banking networks of RCBC and RCBC Savings, (4) medium-term improvement in the funding economics, and (5) operational cost efficiencies.

The merger is expected to benefit both financial institutions' customer base by providing them with a wider network of RCBC branches once the RSB branches are converted to RCBC branches. Customers will also benefit from a wider suite of products and services with the combined products and services of both banks. The merger will also improve the Bank's overall income and profitability and expand its target market reach.

The rights of security holders of the registrant shall remain the same.

Since RSB is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RCBC and both entities are under common control, RCBC as the surviving entity will adopt the pooling of interest method in accounting for the merger. On initial recognition, the assets and liabilities of RSB, the absorbed entity, will be recorded at book value. Under this method, no goodwill shall be recognized. RCBC shall issue common shares based on the ratio of the book value per share of RCBC and RSB. Subsequently, the issued shares shall be treated by RCBC as Treasury shares.

13. Acquisition or Disposition of Property – Please see Notes 13 and 14 of the attached Audited Financial Statements in Annex B

14. Restatement of Accounts – Please see Note 2 of the attached Audited Financial Statements in Annex B

D. OTHER MATTERS

15. Action with Respect to Reports

The Management Report, as set forth in the Annual Report, and the Minutes of the previous stockholders' regular meeting held on June 25, 2018 and special stockholders' meeting held on February 26, 2019 will be submitted for stockholders' approval.

Approval of the Annual Report constitutes a ratification of the Bank's performance during the previous fiscal years as contained in the Annual Report.

Approval of the June 25, 2018 Minutes constitutes a ratification of the accuracy and faithfulness of the Minutes to the events that transpired during said meeting, such as: (a) 2017 annual report and audited financial statements, (b) ratification of actions and proceedings of the Board of Directors, different Committees and Management during the year 2017, (d) confirmation of significant transactions with DOSRI and related parties, (e) election of directors, and (f) appointment of external auditor. Approval of the February 26, 2019 Minutes constitutes a ratification of the accuracy and faithfulness of the Minutes to the events that transpired during said meeting, particularly: (a) the approval of the merger of RSB into the Bank and the Plan of Merger, and (b) the approval of the authorized signatories of the Bank for all matters necessary to carry the merger into effect.

The corporate acts of the Board of Directors, different Committees and Management that are subject to ratification are those made from the date of the last annual stockholders' meeting (June 25, 2018) up to the date of the meeting (June 24, 2019), including those made during the special stockholders' meeting on February 26, 2019. These include, among others, those that involve day-to-day operation, administration and management of the corporate affairs such as approval of loans, restructuring of past due accounts, sale of ROPOAs, appointment/resignation of directors/officers, sanctions/disciplinary measures imposed to erring officers/employees, and authority to file criminal/civil complaints.

16. Matters Not Required to be Submitted – Not applicable

17. Amendment of Charter, By-Laws or Other Documents – Not applicable

18. Other Proposed Action – Not applicable

19. Voting Procedures

The vote required for election or approval.

In the election of Directors, the fifteen (15) nominees with the greatest number of votes will be elected Directors.

In the other proposals or matters submitted to a vote, a vote of the majority or super majority, as the case may be, of the shares of the capital stock of the Bank present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting is necessary for approval of such proposals or matters.

The method by which votes will be counted

Each shareholder may vote in person or by proxy the number of shares of stock standing in his name on the books of the Bank. Each share represents one vote. Voting shall be by balloting. An independent third party, Punongbayan & Araullo, shall validate and count the votes to be cast.

No director has informed the Bank of any intention to oppose the matters to be taken up in the annual meeting.

E. OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

Attached is the written certification by the Corporate Secretary on directors and officers working with the government as Annex "C." Attached as Annex "D" to "D-5" are the Certifications of Independent Directors.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information given in this Information Statement is true, complete and correct. This Statement is signed in the City of Makati on May 9, 2019.

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION

By:


GEORGE GILBERT G. DELA CUESTA
Corporate Secretary

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Stockholder:

Please be advised that the Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Bank will be held on **June 24, 2019** at the Alfonso Sycip Executive Lounge, 47th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, Ayala Ave., cor. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City at 4:00 P. M., for the purpose of considering and acting on the following matters:

1. Proof of Due Notice of the Meeting
2. Determination of the Presence of Quorum
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders held on June 25, 2018
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Stockholders held on February 26, 2019
5. Approval of the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements for 2018
6. Ratification of the actions and proceedings of the Board of Directors, different Committees and Management during the year 2018
7. Confirmation of significant transactions with DOSRI and related parties
8. Election of Directors
9. Appointment of External Auditor
10. Such other matters as may properly come before the meeting

Enclosed is a copy of the Information Statement pursuant to Section 20-IS of the Securities Regulation Code.

Only stockholders of record at close of business on May 23, 2019 will be entitled to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

We are not soliciting your proxy. However, you may attend the meeting by submitting a duly-accomplished proxy substantially in the form attached hereto to the Corporate Secretary through the following address not later than **5:00 P.M. of June 13, 2019.**

The validation of proxies shall be held on **June 14, 2019 at 2:00 pm** at the Office of the Corporate Secretariat.

Corporate Secretariat Unit
21st Floor, RCBC Plaza, Tower II
6819 Ayala Avenue corner
Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City

May 8, 2019 Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines.


GEORGE GILBERT G. DE GUZMAN
Corporate Secretary



PROXY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, _____, a shareholder of the RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION (the "Corporation"), a domestic corporation, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint _____, with full power of substitution and delegation, as the proxy, of the undersigned to represent and vote all shares registered in my name on the books of Corporation, or owned by me at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 25, 2018 of said Corporation, and any adjournment/s thereof, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if present and acting in my person, hereby ratifying and confirming any and all acts which my said attorney and proxy may do in or upon any and all matters which may properly come before any said meeting, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof, upon the proposals enumerated below.

In case of absence of _____ and any substitute proxy designated by him at the said meeting, the undersigned hereby grants the Chairman of the meeting chosen accordance with the Corporation's By-Laws or, in case of his absence the President of the Corporation, full power and authority to act as alternate proxy of the undersigned at such meeting.

The proxy/substitute proxy/alternate proxy, as the case may be, shall vote subject to the instructions indicated below and the proxy/substitute proxy/alternate proxy, as the case may be, is authorized to vote in his discretion upon other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting of Stockholders and any adjournments or postponements thereof. Where no specific instruction is clearly indicated below, the proxy/substitute proxy/alternate proxy, as the case may be, shall vote and shall be deemed authorized to vote "FOR" with respect to Proposal 1 to 6 and "FOR ALL" with respect to Proposal 7.

PROPOSALS AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Management recommends a "FOR" vote for Proposals 1 to 6, and a "FOR ALL" vote for Proposal 7

	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
1. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders held on June 24, 2018	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Approval of the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements for 2018	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Ratification of the actions and proceedings of the Board of Directors, different Committees and Management during the year 2018	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Confirmation of Significant Transactions with DOSRI and Related Parties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Appointment of Punongbayan & Araullo as External Auditor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. At their discretion, the proxies named above are authorized to vote upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Election of Directors 15 Directors (9 Regular Directors and 6 Independent Directors)

- REGULAR DIRECTORS**
- a. Ms. Helen Y. Dee
 - b. Mr. Cesar E.A. Virata
 - c. Mr. Eugene S. Acevedo
 - d. Mr. Gil A. Buenaventura
 - e. Mr. Richard Gordon Alexander Westlake
 - f. Mr. John Law
 - g. Mr. Shih-Chiao (Joe) Lin
 - h. Mr. Arnold Kai Yuen Kan

- INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**
- i. Mr. Armando M. Medina
 - j. Mr. Juan B. Santos
 - k. Atty. Adelita A. Vergel De Dios
 - l. Mr. Gabriel S. Claudio
 - m. Mr. Vaughn F. Montes
 - n. Mr. Laurito E. Serrano
 - o. Atty. Lilia B. De Lima

For All	Withhold For All	Exceptions
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exceptions:		
a. _____	f. _____	k. _____
b. _____	g. _____	l. _____
c. _____	h. _____	m. _____
d. _____	i. _____	n. _____
e. _____	j. _____	o. _____

The stockholder may withhold authority to vote for any or some nominee(s), by marking the exception box and writing the name(s) of such nominee(s) on the space provided above. If the stockholder designates exception(s), the number of shares to be distributed to each of the remaining nominees must be indicated on the spaces provided above.

The stockholder can either (a) vote for all of the nominees, in which case the stockholder's total votes will be split and cast equally among the nominee(s); (b) withhold his vote for all of the nominees; or (c) vote only for some and not all of the nominees, in which case the stockholder's total votes will be distributed and cast as indicated by the stockholder in the spaces provided above. If the stockholder does not indicate the number of shares to be distributed among the remaining nominees who are not named on the spaces for exceptions above, then the stockholder's total votes will be split and cast equally among the remaining nominees. The total number of votes which a stockholder may cast is equal to fifteen (15) times the number of shares of common stock and voting preferred stock held as of the Record Date.

This proxy shall be valid for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Corporation on June 24, 2019 unless sooner withdrawn by me through notice in writing delivered to the Corporate Secretary. In case I shall be present at the meeting, this proxy stands revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned shareholder, have executed this proxy at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2019.

(Signature Over Printed Name)

- Stockholder
- Authorized Representative of Stockholder

Date: _____, 2019

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

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RECEIPT

Received from RCBC one (1) envelope containing the following:

- ✓ Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 24, 2019 and Information Statement (CD Format)
- ✓ Proxy Form
- ✓ Reply Envelope
- ✓ 2018 Annual Report

Received By: _____
(Signature Over Printed Name)

Date: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Submission of Proxy*

- (a) The proxy form must be completed, signed and dated by the stockholder or his duly authorized representative, and received at the principal office and mailing address of the Company not later than **5:00 P.M. of June 13, 2019**
- (b) If the proxy is given by one or more joint owners of shares of stock of the Company, the proxy form must be signed by all of the joint owners.
- (c) If the shares of stock of the Company are owned in an "and/or" capacity, the proxy form must be signed by either one of the registered owners.
- (d) If the proxy is given by a holder of shares of stock of the Company that is a corporation, association, partnership or unincorporated entity, the proxy form must be accompanied by a certification signed by a duly authorized officer, partner or representative of such corporation, association, partnership or unincorporated entity, to the effect that the person signing the proxy form has been authorized by the governing body or has the power pursuant to the By-Laws, constitutive documents or duly approved policies of such corporation, association, partnership or unincorporated entity, for such purpose.
- (e) A proxy given by a broker or dealer in respect of shares of stock of the Company carried by such broker or dealer for the account of a customer must be supported by a sworn certification that the same is given with the express prior authorization of such customer.
- (f) If any customer of a broker or dealer who is the beneficial owner of shares of stock of the Company executes a sub-proxy, the broker or dealer shall certify that the signature on the sub-proxy is the true and genuine signature of its customer.

2. *Revocation of Proxy*

A holder of shares of stock of the Company who has given a proxy has the power to revoke it by written instrument duly signed and dated, which must be received at the Company's principal office and mailing address not later than **5:00 P.M. of June 21, 2019**. A proxy is also considered suspended if an individual stockholder attends the meeting in person and expresses his intention to vote in person for the duration of said meeting, and shall continue to be in full force and effect thereafter.

3. *Validation of Proxy*

The validation of proxies will be held on **June 14, 2019** at **2:00 pm** at the Office of the Corporate Secretary. Validation of proxies will be done by the Corporate Secretary and persons designated by the Corporate Secretary who shall be under his supervision and control, in accordance with the procedure and guidelines set out in the Company's By-Laws and Section 11(b) of the SRC Rule 20.



RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION

AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS

DATE : 24 June 2019

TIME : 4:00 P. M.

PLACE : Alfonso Sycip Executive Lounge
47th Floor, RCBC Plaza
Yuchengco Tower
Ayala Ave., cor. Gil Puyat Ave.
Makati City

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8. Election of Directors
9. Appointment of External Auditor
10. Other Matters
11. Open Forum
12. Adjournment

**RATIONALE AND EXPLANATION
FOR AGENDA ITEMS REQUIRING SHAREHOLDERS' APPROVAL**

1. Proof of Due Notice of the Meeting

Rationale/
Explanation: Only stockholders of record as of May 23, 2019 shall be entitled to notice and vote at the meeting. The notice of the meeting, which shall contain, in addition to the date, hour and place of such meeting, a statement of the matters to be taken up at such meeting, shall be delivered personally or by registered mail, with return card, postage prepaid, at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the date thereof, addressed to each stockholder at his address appearing on the books of the Corporation in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 (c) of the Amended By-Laws of the Corporation.

2. Determination of the presence of a Quorum

Rationale/
Explanation: Quorum shall consist of stockholders owning the majority of the subscribed capital stock represented in person or by proxy. The Corporate Secretary shall declare whether or not a quorum exists for the Annual Stockholders Meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders held on June 25, 2018

Rationale/
Explanation: Approval of the June 25, 2018 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders constitutes a ratification of the accuracy and faithfulness of the Minutes to the events that transpired during said meeting, such as, (a) 2016 annual report and audited financial statements, (b) ratification of actions and proceedings of the Board of Directors, different Committees and Management during the year 2016, (c) confirmation of significant transactions with DOSRI and related parties, (d) election of directors, and (e) appointment of external auditor. The said Minutes is available on the Bank's website.

A vote representing majority of stockholders represented and eligible to vote during the meeting is required to pass a resolution on this matter.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Stockholders held on February 26, 2019

Rationale/
Explanation: Approval of the February 26, 2019 of the Special Meeting of the Stockholders constitutes a ratification of the accuracy and faithfulness of the Minutes to the events that transpired during said meeting, particularly, the approval of the merger of RCBC Savings Bank into the Bank and the Plan of Merger, and related matters. The said Minutes is available on the Bank's website.

A vote representing majority of stockholders represented and eligible to vote during the meeting is required to pass a resolution on this matter.

5. Approval of the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements for 2018

Rationale/
Explanation: Approval of the Annual Report constitutes a ratification of the Bank's performance during the previous fiscal years as contained in the Annual Report. The Annual Report will contain the results of the operation of the Company during the year 2018. The financial statements as of December 31, 2018 will also be presented and endorsed for approval by the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee. The Audited Financial Statements for 2018 will be attached to the Definitive Information Statement and is incorporated in the Bank's SEC 17-A (Annual Report) submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and available on the Bank's website.

A vote representing majority of stockholders represented and eligible to vote during the meeting is required to pass a resolution on this matter.

6. Ratification of the actions and proceedings of the Board of Directors, different Committees and Management during the year 2018

Rationale/
Explanation: The corporate acts of the Board of Directors, different Committees and Management that are subject to ratification are those made from the date of the last annual stockholders' meeting (June 25, 2018) up to the date of the meeting (June 24, 2019). These include, among others, those that involve the day-to-day operation, administration and management of the corporate affairs such as approval of loans, restructuring of past due accounts, sale of ROPOAs, appointment/ resignation of directors/officers, sanctions/disciplinary measures imposed to erring officers/employees, authority to file criminal/civil complaints, and the merger of RCBC Savings Bank into the Bank and the Plan of Merger, and related matters.

A vote representing majority of stockholders represented and eligible to vote during the meeting is required to pass a resolution on this matter.

7. Confirmation of Significant Transactions with DOSRI and Related Parties

Rationale/
Explanation: Significant transactions with DOSRI and related parties for the year 2018 include: loans and deposit liabilities; trading of investment securities; lease and sub-lease with RCBC Realty Corporation; lease with RCBC Savings Bank (RSB); service agreement with Bankard Inc. (now RBSC); capital infusion into RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation (RFLC); service agreement with RSB and RBSC; service agreement with RCBC Forex Brokers Corp (RCBC Forex) and RSB; service agreements with RCBC Capital Corp., RCBC Securities, Inc., RCBC; Merchant Savings and Loan Association, Inc. (Rizal Microbank), RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation and Niyog Property Holdings, Inc.; and the administration and management of some of the subsidiaries' retirement funds. The Bank's other transactions with affiliates include service agreements, leasing office premises to subsidiaries, and regular banking transactions (such as purchases and sales of trading account securities, securing insurance coverage on loans and property risks and intercompany advances). Details of said related party transactions are disclosed in the Bank's SEC 17-A Report which is also available on the Bank's website. These are also provided in the Annual Report accompanying the Definitive Information Statement, Annex A.

In accordance with BSP Circular No. 895 dated December 14, 2015, which requires the Bank's stockholders to confirm by majority vote, the Bank's significant transactions with DOSRI and related parties, the above-mentioned significant transactions are presented to the stockholders for confirmation.

8. Election of Directors

Rationale/
Explanation: The By-Laws of the Bank allows all shareholders, including minority stockholders, the right to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors. Nominees for election as members of the Board of Directors of RCBC, including nominees for election as independent Directors, as well as their profiles will be provided in the Definitive Information Statement.

A vote representing majority of stocks represented and eligible to vote during the meeting is required to pass a resolution on this matter.

9. Appointment of External Auditor

Rationale/
Explanation: The Audit and Compliance Committee will screen and endorse to the stockholders the appointment of a selected qualified SEC-accredited auditing firm as external auditor of RCBC for the year 2019, including their proposed remuneration. The profile of the external auditor is provided in the Definitive Information Statement.

A vote representing majority of stocks represented and eligible to vote during the meeting is required to pass a resolution on this matter.

10. Other Matters

Rationale/
Explanation: Other matters that may have arisen after the Notice of Meeting and Agenda have been sent out, or those raised throughout the meeting may be presented to the stockholders for consideration. Stockholders may also propose to consider such other relevant matters or issues.

11. Open Forum

Rationale/
Explanation: The Chairman shall also open the floor for comments and questions by stockholders.

12. Adjournment

ANNUAL REPORT ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SRC RULE 17.1 (b)

(A) Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

The Audited Financial Statements of the Bank as of December 31, 2018 are contained in the latest annual report sent to security holders at the Annual Stockholders' meeting on June 25, 2018. They are also attached to the Information Statement.

(B) Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations (2016-2018) and Plan of Operation

2016

Philippine GDP growth in 2016 was at 6.8%, faster vs. 5.9% in 2015, the fastest in 3 years (since 2013) and still among the fastest growing economies, not only in ASEAN, but in the whole of Asia, amid election-related spending with the May 2016 presidential elections, improved economic and credit fundamentals such as favorable demographics (i.e. demographic sweet spot or majority of the population reached working age since 2015), still relatively low interest rates compared to recent years that continued to spur more investments and overall economic growth, as fundamentally supported by benign inflation amid relatively lower prices of crude oil and other global commodities vs. in recent years. Continued growth in OFW remittances, BPO revenues, and foreign tourist revenues continued to support consumer spending, which accounted for about 69.4% of the Philippine economy in 2016. The ASEAN Economic Integration has already started in end-2015 and is expected to lead to greater economic growth, going forward.

Philippine GNP growth (2016) was at 6.6%, faster compared to 5.8% in 2015.

In terms of industrial origin, Services (57.5% of GDP) grew by 7.5%, faster than 6.8% in 2015, among the major contributors to economic growth. Industry (33.8% of GDP) grew by 8%, faster vs. 6% in 2015, despite slower growth in exports relative to imports due to the global economic slowdown. Agriculture (8.8% of GDP) contracted, by -1.3%, vs. 0.1% in 2015 after El Nino drought reduced agricultural production in the early part of 2016 and after the typhoons in the latter part of the year.

In terms of expenditure shares, the major contributors to the country's economic growth in 2016 were: Consumer Spending (69.4% of GDP) at 6.9%, faster vs. 6.3% in 2015, Investments (26.9% of GDP) at 20.8%, faster vs. 15.1% in 2015, and Government Spending (10.5% of GDP) at 8.3%, faster vs. 7.8% in 2015.

Philippine economic growth remained resilient by growing for 72nd straight quarter, despite the slower global economic growth brought about by the slowdown in China, risk of recession and deflation in Japan and in the Euro zone, and increased global market volatility. Softer global economic growth also supported the still relatively lower world oil prices in 2016, compared to recent years, but already corrected higher from the lows after OPEC decided to cut oil production output. The Philippines, which imports almost all its oil, benefited from this in terms of lower inflation and reduced import bill.

The US economy, the world's biggest, continued to recover in 2016, fundamentally supporting the decision of the US Federal Reserve to increase key monetary interest rates by another 0.25 basis points on December 14, 2016 (after 0.25 Fed rate hike on Dec. 16, 2015). This resulted partly to some volatility in the global financial markets. Other sources of global market volatility in 2016 include Brexit (UK voted to exit from the European Union) in June 2016 and after the victory of Donald Trump in the US president elections in November 2016 (Trump signaled possible protectionist policies to save/create US jobs).

China, the world's second largest economy and among the biggest importers of commodities, again experienced slower economic growth (among the slowest in more than 25 years). This partly led to the continued devaluation of yuan since August 2015. The resulting relatively lower prices of crude oil and other global commodities (but already corrected higher from lows in 2016) may have benefited the Philippines, which imports almost all of its oil, but partly led to increased global market volatility.

The local economy was partly supported by the continued growth in OFW remittances, sustained strong growth in the BPO industry, still relatively low interest rates compared to recent years that spurred greater economic activity, pick up in manufacturing, continued growth in tourism, and rollout of more infrastructure/PPP projects.

Inflation averaged 1.8% in 2016, higher compared to 1.4% in 2015, again below the 2%-4% target range of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (alternatively, BSP), largely due to the continued relatively lower global crude oil/commodity prices compared to recent years.

The 91-day Treasury bill yield ended 2016 at 1.555%, lower vs. 1.836% in end-2015, though significantly up from a record low of 0.001% in end-2013, but still considered relatively low compared to recent years.

Key Philippine interest rates in the secondary market, as measured by the PDST yields, were mostly higher in 2016, especially long-term tenors. However, the 3-month PDST-R2 yield was at 2.07% as of end-2016, lower by 0.59 percentage points for the year.

The BSP already implemented the interest rate corridor (IRC) system in June 2016, effectively lowered its overnight policy rate by 1 percentage point to 3%. The 7-day and 28-day Term Deposit Facility (TDF) rates went up to 3% levels (up from a low of 2.50%).

Interest rates are still considered relatively low compared to recent years, despite the uptick in 2016 for most long-term tenors, and still translated to relatively lower borrowing costs that encouraged greater economic activities in terms of creating new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses. This could also have spurred greater demand for loans/borrowings, amid improved economic and credit fundamentals for the country recently and the corresponding need to service the financing requirements of the local economy, which was among the fastest growing in Asia.

The upward correction in most long-term interest rates was partly due to wider budget deficit, which already widened to –PHP235.2 billion, more than five times wider vs. –PHP46.5 billion same period last year amid the faster growth in government spending compared to government revenues, but still consistently below the government's target ceiling of 2% of GDP since 2013 (but the target was raised to 3% of GDP starting 2017 in able to further increase the government's infrastructure spending).

National government debt as of end-2016 was up 2.3% to PHP6.090 trillion, reflecting the country's improved fiscal performance and credit ratings. The country's debt-to-GDP ratio eased to 44.2% as of end-3Q 2016, vs. 44.7% in end-2015. This supported by the sustained accelerated pace of economic growth in tandem with disciplined fiscal spending that moderated borrowing requirements for the year.

The peso exchange rate depreciated vs. the US dollar in 2016, by 2.66 pesos or 5.7% to close at 49.72 in end-2016, among the weakest in about a decade, compared to 47.06 in end-2015. This benefited exporters, OFWs and their dependents, and others that earn in foreign currencies, in terms of greater peso proceeds of their foreign currency earnings.

Gross international reserves (GIR) as of end-2016: Slightly higher, by +US\$24mn or +0.03% to US\$80.691 billion or equivalent to 9.2 months' worth of imports and more than two times the international standard of 4 months.

Overseas Filipino workers (OFW) remittances was up, by 5.0% year-on-year to US\$26.9 billion from January to December 2016, faster vs. 4.0% growth a year ago. Revenues from the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry were up by 14% to US\$25 billion (8.2% of GDP), vs. 16% growth in 2015 at US\$22 billion (7.5% of GDP).

Net foreign portfolio investments inflows in 2016: +US\$0.353 billion, vs. –US\$0.599 billion in 2015. Balance of payments (BOP) deficit was at -US\$0.420 billion (-0.1% of GDP), after a BOP surplus of +US\$2.616 billion (+0.9% of GDP) in 2015. OFW remittances, BPO revenues, foreign tourist revenues continued to support structural US dollar inflows into the country, as well as consumer spending, which accounted for about 69.4% of the local economy. Additional OFW, BPO, and tourism jobs and improved local employment conditions partly caused unemployment rate to improve to 5.5% in 2016, vs. 6.3% in 2015.

Total exports of the country for 2016 were down by -4.4% to US\$56.232 billion amid slower global economic growth. Total imports for 2016 grew by 14.2% to US\$81.159 billion, reflecting the requirements of a growing economy. Consequently, trade deficit or net imports for 2016 widened to -US\$24.927 billion, more than twice vs. the -US\$12.240 billion in 2015 amid the decline in exports and the faster growth in imports.

Net foreign direct investments from January to December 2016: Grew by 145.7% year-on-year to US\$6.973 billion, already at a new record high for 2016 amid the improved economic and credit fundamentals of the Philippines, as attested by the further upgrade of the country’s credit ratings by most of the biggest credit rating agencies, to a notch above the minimum investment grade (which was reached for the first time since 2013), which increased international investor confidence on the country.

On the Philippine banking industry, the total loans of banks, as of end-2016 was up by 16.6% to PHP7.612 trillion, faster than the 11.9% growth as of end-2015, which was partly spurred by still relatively low interest rates and sustained economic growth. Gross non-performing loan (NPL) ratio of all banks (including interbank loans) as of end-2016 improved to 1.90%, from 2.10% as of end-2015.

Domestic liquidity/M3 growth (as of end-2016): +12.4% to PHP9.473 trillion, faster vs. +9.4% as of end-2015, reflecting the faster growth in loans/credit.

The Philippine Stock Exchange Composite Index (PSEi): -1.6% in 2016, to close at 6,840.64, after -3.9% in 2015. It reached a record high of 8,136.97 on Apr. 7, 2015 and a low of 6,084.28 on January 21, 2016.

Financial and Operating Highlights

Balance Sheet

RCBC’s Total Assets stood at ₱521.2 billion.

BALANCE SHEET			
In Million Pesos	2016	2015	2014
Total Assets	521,193	516,061	457,905
Investment Securities	75,622	111,201	100,790
Loans and Receivables (Net)	306,167	299,119	261,574
Total Deposits	353,077	342,362	315,761
Capital Funds	62,133	58,129	53,131

Cash and other cash items increased by 7.86% or Php1.106 billion from Php14.070 billion to Php15.176 billion. Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, representing 12.76% of total resources, increased by 31.42% or Php15.903 billion from Php50.617 billion to Php66.520 billion. Due from other banks increased by 28.38% or Php5.592 billion from Php19.701 billion to Php25.293 billion. Total trading investment securities decreased by 32.00% or Php35.579 billion from Php111.201 billion to Php75.622 billion and represented 14.51% of total resources.

As permitted by PFRS 9 and BSP Circular 708, the Group sold certain loans and receivables, peso and dollar-denominated bonds classified as investment securities at amortized cost with an aggregate carrying amount of Php73.464 billion. The disposals resulted in a gain of Php1.352 billion, which is included under Trading and securities gains-net in the statement of profit or loss. In addition, the Group concluded that the sales did not result to changes in its business models for managing financial assets to collect contractual cash flows.

Loans and Receivables-net reached Php306.167 billion and represented 58.74% of total resources.

Bank Premises, furniture, Fixtures and Equipment, net grew by 16.76% or Php1.274 billion from Php7.602 billion to Php8.876 billion mainly due opening of additional 25 branches and acquisition of equipment for lease during the year by a wholly owned subsidiary. Other Resources, net increased by 12.11% or Php1.065 billion from Php8.796 billion to Php9.861 billion.

Deferred Tax Assets increased by Php 955 million or 78.15% from Php 1.222 billion in 2015 to Php 2.177 billion in 2016 as a result of recognition of tax effects of additional temporary differences arising mainly from allowance for impairment, MCIT and provision for credit card reward payments. This is partially offset by the reversal of deferred tax assets arising from NOLCO.

Deposit liabilities settled at Php353.077 billion and accounted for 67.74% of total resources. Demand deposits were recorded at Php42.053 billion. Savings deposits reached Php162.926 billion and accounted 31.24% of total resources. Time deposits grew by 23.56% or Php28.243 billion from Php119.854 billion to Php148.097 billion and accounted for 28.42% of total resources.

Bills payable decreased by 23.81% or down by Php11.761 billion from Php49.404 billion to Php37.643 billion mainly attributable to the net payment on foreign borrowings, it represented 7.22% of total resources. Bonds payable, was recorded at Php41.595 billion and accounted for 7.98% of total resources.

Total liabilities stood at Php459.060 billion and represented 88.08% of Total Resources.

Total Equity went up by 6.89% or Php4.004 billion from Php58.129 billion to Php62.133 billion mainly due to Net Income for the period, net of cash dividends declared and paid.

Income Statement

INCOME STATEMENT			
In Million Pesos	2016	2015	2014
Interest Income	23,137	21,520	20,200
Interest Expense	7,430	5,943	5,233
Net Interest Income	15,707	15,577	14,967
Other Operating Income	7,114	6,655	7,102
Impairment Losses	1,770	2,350	2,509
Operating Expenses	17,355	15,061	14,236
Tax Expense (Income)	(174)	(307)	914
Net Income attributable to Parent Company Shareholders	3,868	5,129	4,411

Total interest income reached Php23.137 billion and accounted for 101.38% of total operating income. Interest income from loans and receivables went up by 11.34% or Php1.980 billion from Php17.462 billion to Php19.442 billion and accounted for 85.19% of total operating income. The increase is mainly due to increase in average volume of Loans and Receivables and higher average yield. Other interest income stood at Php426 million and interest income from investment securities reached Php3.269 billion and accounted for 14.32% of total operating income.

Total interest expense went up by 25.02% or Php1.487 billion from Php5.943 billion to Php7.430 billion and accounted for 32.56% of total operating income. Interest expense from deposit liabilities, which grew by 9.26% from Php2.992 billion, reached Php3.269 billion, representing 14.32% of total operating income. Interest expense from bills payable and other borrowings reached Php4.161 billion, 41% up or Php1.210 billion higher from last year's Php2.951 billion, it represented 18.23% of total operating income. As a result, net interest income reached Php15.707 and accounted for 68.83% of total operating income.

The Group booked lower impairment losses at Php1.77 billion, down by 24.68% or Php580 million from Php2.350 billion and represented 7.76% of total operating income.

Other operating income of Php7.114 billion accounted for 31.17% of total operating income and is broken down as follows:

- Service fees and commissions stood at Php3.164 billion and accounted for 13.86% of total operating income
- Trading and securities gain-net settled at Php1.619 billion and accounted for 7.09% of total operating income
- Foreign exchange gains increased by 6.15% or Php16 million from Php260 million to Php276 million attributable to higher commission from commercial transactions
- Trust fees settled at P294 million
- Share in net earnings of subsidiaries and associates settled at Php131 million.
- Miscellaneous income went up by 34.05% or Php414 million from Php1.216 billion to P1.630 billion brought about by higher dividend and rental income.

Operating expenses grew by 15.23% or Php2.294 billion from Php15.061 billion to Php17.355 billion and consumed 76.05% of total operating income.

- Manpower costs reached Php5.408 billion and consumed 23.70% of total operating income due to additional headcount for the 25 newly opened business centers.
- Occupancy and equipment-related stood at Php2.871 billion and consumed 12.58% of total operating income
- Taxes and licenses stood at Php1.766 billion
- Depreciation and amortization reached Php1.840 billion
- Miscellaneous expenses went up by 17.01% or Php795 million to settle at Php5.470 billion from Php4.675 billion, increase was mainly due to the Php1 billion BSP fine, and it consumed 23.97% of total operating income

Excluding the Php1 billion BSP fine, OPEX grew by Php8.59% or Php1.294 billion.

Negative Tax expense was at P 174 million in 2016 from P307 million in 2015 due to lower amount of Deferred Tax Income relating to MCIT, allowance for impairment losses and other temporary differences and reversal of DTA or utilized and expired NOLCO.

Income from non-controlling interest went up to settle at Php2 million.

Overall, net income was down by 24.53% or Php1.258 billion from Php5.128 billion in 2015 to Php3.870 billion in 2016.

Performance Indicators

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES				
	Audited			
	Consolidated		Parent	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	0.77%	1.09%	0.93%	1.30%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	6.42%	9.33%	6.43%	9.34%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	16.16%	15.72%	16.23%	15.63%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	0.98%	0.79%	0.17%	0.26%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	1.52%	1.45%	0.33%	0.37%
Net Interest Margin (NIM)	4.06%	4.15%	3.47%	3.62%
Cost-to-Income Ratio	76.05%	67.74%	74.30%	62.45%
Loans-to-Deposit Ratio	89.07%	86.74%	89.71%	87.12%
Current Ratio	0.56	0.43	0.52	0.43
Liquid Assets-to-Total Assets Ratio	0.26	0.17	0.26	0.17
Debt-to-Equity Ratio	7.39	7.88	5.73	6.40
Asset-to- Equity Ratio	8.39	8.88	6.73	7.40
Asset -to- Liability Ratio	1.14	1.13	1.17	1.16
Interest Rate Coverage Ratio	1.50	1.81	1.60	2.06
Earnings per Share (EPS)				
Basic	Php 2.76	Php 3.07	Php 2.76	Php 3.07
Diluted	Php 2.76	Php 3.07	Php 2.76	Php 3.07

Wholly-Owned/Virtually Owned Subsidiaries

RCBC SAVINGS BANK	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2016	2015
Net Income	Php 1,005,140	Php 1,250,962
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	1.05%	1.48%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	9.89%	14.10%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	13.44%	13.99%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	2.88%	1.94%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	5.95%	5.23%
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 32.56	Php 40.52

RIZAL MICROBANK	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2016	2015
Net Loss	Php (3,384)	Php (64,848)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	-0.33%	-7.47%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	-0.55%	-14.11%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	65.28%	90.26%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	0.09%	0.00%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	1.24%	0.89%
Loss per Share (EPS)	Php (0.30)	Php (5.76)

RCBC CAPITAL CORPORATION and Subsidiaries	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2016	2015
Net Income	Php 294,079	Php 133,505
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	7.13%	3.02%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	8.14%	3.59%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	27.99%	26.27%

Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	0.05%	0.01%
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 2.49	Php 1.13

RCBC FOREX BROKERS CORPORATION	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2016	2015
Net Income	Php 39,917	Php 70,914
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	16.60%	15.36%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	20.14%	32.73%
Capital to Total Assets	77.08%	63.92%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 79.83	Php 141.83

RCBC INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, LTD. and Subsidiary	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2016	2015
Net Income /(Loss)	Php (1,931)	Php 3,749
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	-1.38%	2.92%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	-1.40%	3.02%
Capital to Total Assets	100.05%	95.02%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-0.54%	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Earnings (Loss) per Share	Php (0.77)	Php 1.50

RCBC NORTH AMERICA, INC.	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2016	2015
Net Loss	Php (1,555)	Php (3,825)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	-91.01%	-76.41%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	-90.98%	-178.16%
Capital to Total Assets	217.45%	215.19%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Income/Loss per Share	Php (35.56)	Php (87.47)

RCBC TELEMONEY EUROPE S.P.A	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2016	2015
Net Income (Loss)	Php (45,056)	Php 5,276
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	-52.36%	1.94%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	-110.16%	45.69%
Capital to Total Assets	-47.43%	-5.67%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Earnings (Loss) per Share (EPS)	Php (450.56)	Php 52.76

RCBC-JPL HOLDING COMPANY, INC. (Formerly JP Laurel Bank, Inc.)	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2016	2015
Net Income/ (Loss)	Php 2,259	Php (5,745)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	1.05%	-2.53%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	-1.88%	5.03%
Capital to Total Assets	-62.35%	-50.14%

Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Income/ (Loss) per Share (EPS)	Php 0.01	Php (0.03)

NIYOG PROPERTY HOLDINGS, INC.	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2016	2015
Net Income	Php 10,414	Php 88,670
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	1.40%	10.68%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	1.46%	11.43%
Capital to Total Assets	94.43%	86.06%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 7.49	Php 63.75

RCBC LEASING AND FINANCE CORP. and Subsidiary	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2016	2015
Net Income	Php 70,218	Php 33,983
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	1.04%	0.81%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	11.23%	5.86%
Capital to Total Assets	13.95%	20.54%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	12.51%	15.70%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	8.41%	13.94%
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 0.15	Php 0.07

2017

Philippine GDP growth in 2017 was at 6.7%, slower vs. 6.9% in 2016, still among the fastest growing economies, not only in ASEAN, but in the whole of Asia, as the faster GDP growth in 2016 may be attributed to election-related spending during the May 2016 presidential elections (i.e. higher base/denominator effects a year ago). Philippine GDP growth remained relatively high compared to recent years due to improved economic and credit fundamentals such as favorable demographics (i.e. demographic sweet spot or majority of the population reached working age since 2015), still relatively low interest rates compared to recent years/decades that continued to spur more investments and overall economic growth, as fundamentally supported by benign inflation amid relatively lower prices of crude oil and other global commodities vs. in recent years. Continued growth in OFW remittances, BPO revenues, and foreign tourist revenues continued to support consumer spending, which accounted for about 68.7% of the Philippine economy in 2017. The ASEAN Economic Integration has already started in end-2015 and is expected to lead to greater economic growth, going forward.

Fitch Ratings upgraded Philippine credit rating on December 11, 2017, by 1 notch to BBB (1 notch above the minimum investment grade; already the same as the credit ratings by S&P and Moody's), from BBB-; with stable outlook. Investor sentiment on the Philippines improved further after the passage of the first package of the tax reform measures (TRAIN) in December 2017.

Philippine GNP growth (2017) was at 6.5%, slower compared to 6.7% in 2016.

In terms of industrial origin, Services (57.4% of GDP) grew by 6.7%, slower than 7.4% in 2016, still among the major contributors to economic growth. Industry (34.1% of GDP) grew by 7.2%, slower vs. 8.4% in 2016, amid slower growth in exports relative to imports due to the global economic slowdown. Agriculture (8.5% of GDP) grew, by 3.9%, vs. -1.3% in 2016 when there was El Nino drought that reduced agricultural production in the early part of 2016.

In terms of expenditure shares, the major contributors to the country's economic growth in 2017 were: Consumer Spending (68.7% of GDP) at 5.8%, slower vs. 7.0% in 2016, Investments (28.6% of GDP) at 9.0%, slower vs. 23.7% in 2016, and Government Spending (10.5% of GDP) at 7.3%, slower vs. 8.4% in 2016.

Philippine economic growth remained resilient by growing for 76th straight quarter, despite the relatively slower global economic growth brought about by the slowdown in China, risk of recession and deflation in Japan and in the Euro zone, and increased global market volatility. Softer global economic growth also supported the still relatively lower world oil prices in 2017, compared to recent years, but already corrected higher from the lows after OPEC and other major oil-producing countries cut oil production output in an effort reduce the glut/oversupply in global oil supplies.

The US economy, the world's biggest, continued to recover in 2017, fundamentally supporting the decision of the US Federal Reserve to further increase key monetary interest rates by a total of +0.75 basis points in 2017 (+0.25 each on March 15, 2017; June 14, 2017; and December 17, 2017), after +0.25 each on December 14, 2016 and on Dec. 16, 2015. These Fed rate hikes in 2017 resulted partly to some volatility in the global financial markets. Other sources of global market volatility in 2017 include the tapering of Fed's balance sheet in 4Q 2017 (US\$10 billion) and increased tensions on North Korea amid ICBM/missile tests. Positive external developments in 2017 highlighted by US President Trump's signing of Republican-backed US\$1.5 trillion tax cut/overhaul of US tax code on December 22, 2017, in first major legislative win, delivering a major tax cut to US corporations along with a package of temporary tax cuts for other businesses and most individuals.

China, the world's second largest economy and among the biggest importers of commodities, still experienced relatively slower economic growth (still among the slowest in about 25 years).

The local economy was partly supported by the continued growth in OFW remittances, sustained strong growth in the BPO industry, still relatively lower interest rates compared to recent years/decades that spurred greater economic activity, pick up in manufacturing, continued growth in tourism, and rollout of more infrastructure/PPP projects.

Inflation averaged 3.2% in 2017, higher compared to 1.8% in 2016, but still below the 2%-4% target range of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), largely due to the continued relatively lower global crude oil/commodity prices compared to recent years.

The 91-day Treasury bill yield ended 2017 at 2.15%, higher vs. 1.55% in end-2016, also significantly up from a record low of 0.001% in end-2013, but still considered relatively lower compared to recent years/decades.

Key Philippine interest rates in the secondary market, as measured by the PDST yields, were mostly higher in 2017, especially long-term tenors. The benchmark 3-month PDST-R2 yield was at 2.43% as of end-2017, higher by 0.35 percentage points for the year.

Interest rates are still considered relatively lower compared to recent years/decades, despite the uptick in 2017, and still translated to relatively lower borrowing costs that encouraged greater economic activities in terms of creating new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses. This could also have spurred greater demand for loans/borrowings, amid improved economic and credit fundamentals for the country recently and the corresponding need to service the financing requirements of the local economy, which was among the fastest growing in Asia.

The upward correction in most long-term interest rates was partly due higher inflation, rising trend in US/global interest rates amid normalization of monetary policy in the US and in some developed countries, as well as wider budget deficits in 2016 and 2017, at -PHP350.6 billion in 2017 (or -2.2% of GDP), slightly narrower vs. -PHP353.4 billion (or -2.4% of GDP) in 2016 as government

spending increased especially on infrastructure, but still consistently below the government's upwardly revised target ceiling of 3% of GDP for 2017 (from 2%).

National government debt as of end-2017 was up by 9.2% to PHP6.652 trillion. However, the country's debt-to-GDP ratio remained relatively low at 42.1% as of end-2017, same as in end-2016. This is supported by the sustained accelerated pace of economic growth in tandem with disciplined fiscal spending that moderated borrowing requirements in recent years.

The peso exchange rate depreciated vs. the US dollar in 2017, by 0.21 pesos or 0.4% to close at 49.93 in end-2017, among the weakest in about a decade, compared to 49.72 in end-2016. This benefited exporters, OFWs and their dependents, and others that earn in foreign currencies, in terms of greater peso proceeds of their foreign currency earnings.

Gross international reserves (GIR) as of end-2017 increased by US\$878 million or 1.1% to US\$80.691 billion or equivalent to 8.3 months' worth of imports and more than two times the international standard of 4 months.

OFW remittances were up, by 4.3% year-on-year to US\$28.1 billion (9% of GDP) in 2017, slower vs. 5.0% growth in 2016. Revenues from the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry were up by 16% to US\$28.9 billion (9.2% of GDP), slower vs. 18% growth in 2016 at US\$25 billion (8.2% of GDP).

Net foreign portfolio investments outflows in 2017: -US\$0.205 billion, vs. +US\$0.404 billion in 2016. Balance of payments (BOP) deficit was at -US\$0.863 billion (-0.3% of GDP), after -US\$0.420 billion (-0.1% of GDP) in 2016. OFW remittances, BPO revenues, foreign tourist revenues continued to support structural US dollar inflows into the country, as well as consumer spending, which accounted for about 68.7% of the local economy. Additional OFW, BPO, and tourism jobs and improved local employment conditions partly caused unemployment rate to remain relatively low at 5.7% in 2017, vs. 5.4% in 2016.

Total exports of the country for 2017 grew by 10.2% to US\$63.2 billion amid the pickup in global economic growth. Total imports for 2017 went by, 10.4% to US\$92.8 billion, reflecting the increased requirements of a fast-growing economy. Consequently, trade deficit or net imports for 2017 widened to a record of -US\$29.6 billion, wider vs. the -US\$26.7 billion in 2016.

Net foreign direct investments in 2017: Grew by +21.4% year-on-year to US\$10 billion, a new record high vs. previous record high of US\$8.2 billion in 2016 amid the improved economic and credit fundamentals of the Philippines, as attested by the further upgrade of the country's credit ratings by most of the biggest credit rating agencies, to a notch above the minimum investment grade (which was reached for the first time since 2013), which boosted international investor confidence on the country.

On the Philippine banking industry, the total loans of banks, as of end-2017 was up by 16.4% year-on-year to PHP8.862 trillion, slower vs. 16.6% growth as of end-2016, which was partly spurred by still relatively lower interest rates compared to recent years/decades and sustained economic growth. Gross non-performing loan (NPL) ratio of all banks (including interbank loans) as of end-2017 improved to 1.72%, from 1.89% as of end-2016.

Domestic liquidity/M3 growth (as of end-2017): 11.9% year-on-year to PHP10.637 trillion, slower vs. 12.8% as of end-2016, partly reflecting the slower growth in loans/credit.

The Philippine Stock Exchange Composite Index (PSEi) gained by 25.1% in 2017, to close at 8,558.42, after -1.6% in 2016. It reached a record high of 8,640.04 on December 29, 2017 and a low of 6,746.80 on January 3, 2017.

Financial and Operating Highlights

Balance Sheet

RCBC's Total Assets stood at ₱554.0 billion.

BALANCE SHEET			
In Million Pesos	2017	2016	2015
Total Assets	553,988	521,193	516,061
Investment Securities	72,932	75,622	111,201
Loans and Receivables (Net)	354,243	306,167	299,119
Total Deposits	388,412	353,077	342,362
Capital Funds	67,027	62,133	58,129

RCBC's Total Assets grew by 6.29% or P32.795 billion from P521.193 bio to P553.988 billion mainly due to the increase in Loans and Receivables, Net.

Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, representing 10.61% of total resources, decreased by 11.60% or P7.719 billion from P66.520 billion to P58.801 billion as a result of a decrease in overnight deposit and term deposit placements. Due from other banks decreased by 21.65% or P5.475 billion from P25.293 billion to P19.818 billion, mainly due to decrease in foreign bank placements. Total trading investment securities, representing 13.16% of Total Resources stood at P72.932 billion.

As permitted by PFRS 9 and BSP Circular 708, the Group sold in 2017 certain peso and dollar-denominated bonds classified as investment securities at amortized cost with an aggregate carrying amount of P22.729 billion. The disposals resulted in a gain of P683 mio, which is included under Trading and securities gains-net in the statement of profit or loss. In addition, the Group concluded that the sales did not result in changes in its business models for managing financial assets to collect contractual cash flows.

Loans under reverse repurchase agreement grew by 24.62% or P1.942 billion from P7.889 billion to P9.831 billion mainly due to higher placements with the BSP.

Loans and Receivables-net increased by 15.70% or P48.076 billion from P306.167 billion to P354.243 billion and represented 63.94% of total resources. This was primarily as a result of increase in the volume of loan releases across all product types. In terms of ADB, SME Loans grew by 18% or P6.0 billion, Consumer Loans by 15% or P10.7 billion, and Corporate Loans by 12% or P20.5 billion. Growth in consumer loans was led by the Credit Card Portfolio, which grew by 28% or P2.9 billion, Auto Loans by 21% or P5.5 billion, and Mortgage Loans by 9% or P3.2 billion. For the Loan Mix, Corporate Loans was 55%, SME was 16% and Consumer Loans was 29% of the Total Loans.

Investments in Associates, net grew by 8.88% or P34 million from P383 million to P417 million as a result of additional equity income from associates.

Investment Properties, net increased by 5.26% or P170 million from P3.229 billion to P3.399 billion attributable to additional foreclosed properties made by subsidiaries. Deferred Tax Assets declined by 12.91% or P291 million due to higher taxable income during the year resulting to utilization of tax benefits of minimum corporate income tax incurred in prior years. Other Resources, net decreased by 8.61% or P849 million from P9.861 billion to P9.012 billion mainly due to disposal of assets held for sale by a subsidiary.

Deposit liabilities grew by 10.01% or P35.335 billion from P353.077 billion to P388.412 billion and represented 70.11% of Total Resources. Demand deposits increased by 23.64% or P9.943 billion from P42.053 to P51.996 billion, Savings Deposits were recorded at P165.187 billion and accounted for 29.82% of Total Resources. Time deposits grew by 15.62% or P23.131 billion from

Php148.098 bio to P171.229 billion and accounted for 30.91% of total resources. Increase in deposit liabilities was as a result of newly opened business centers.

Bills payable increased by 16.80% or P6.324 billion from P37.643 billion to P43.967 billion mainly attributable to higher foreign borrowings; it represented 7.94% of total resources. Bonds payable decreased by 32.54% or P13.535 billion from P41.595 billion to P28.060 billion primarily as a result of the maturity of the U.S.\$275 million senior notes in January 2017. Accrued taxes, interest and other expenses payable decreased by 13.23% or P638 million from P4.823 bio to P4.185 mainly due to decrease in accruals for other expenses as a result of the settlement of prior year's accrual of the BSP's regulatory action relating to the alleged heist involving the Bank of Bangladesh.

Total liabilities stood at P486.961 billion and represented 87.90% of Total Resources.

Net Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Financial Assets At Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income decreased by 7.51% or P160 million due to revaluation of investment securities. Actuarial losses on Defined Benefit Plan decreased by P1.514 billion from P1.593 billion to P79 million as a result of the revaluation of plan assets held by the retirement fund. Retained Earnings grew by 14.34% or P3.518 billion from P24.531 billion to P28.049 billion due to higher income for the period and accounted 41.85% of Total Capital Funds.

Total Capital Funds grew by 7.88% or P4.894 bio from P62.133 bio to P67.027 bio.

Income Statement

INCOME STATEMENT			
In Million Pesos	2017	2016	2015
Interest Income	25,118	23,137	21,520
Interest Expense	7,097	7,430	5,943
Net Interest Income	18,021	15,707	15,577
Other Operating Income	7,100	7,114	6,655
Impairment Losses	2,155	1,770	2,350
Operating Expenses	17,815	17,355	15,061
Tax Expense (Income)	841	(174)	(307)
Net Income attributable to non-controlling interest	2	2	(1)
Net income	4,308	3,868	5,129

Total interest income increased by 8.56% or P1.981 billion from P23.137 billion to P25.118 billion and accounted for 99.99% of total operating income. Interest income from loans and receivables went up by 12.93% or P2.514 billion from P19.442 billion to P21.956 billion and accounted for 87.40% of total operating income. The increase is mainly due to increase in average volume of Loans and Receivables. Interest income from investment securities went down by 14.84% or P485 million mainly due to decrease in volume of total investment securities. It accounted for 11.08% of total operating income. Other interest income decreased by 11.27% or P48 million from P426 million to P378 million primarily as a result of decrease in BSP term deposit placements.

Total interest expense stood at P7.097 billion and accounted 28.25% of total operating income. Interest expense from deposit liabilities grew by 21.11% from P3.269 billion to P3.959 billion, representing 15.76% of total operating income. The increase was a result of higher volume and cost of time deposits. Interest expense from bills payable and other borrowings declined by 24.59% or P1.023 billion mainly due to the maturity of the US\$275 million senior notes in January 2017. As a result, net interest income increased by 14.73% or P2.314 billion from P15.707 billion to P18.021 billion.

The Group booked higher impairment losses at P2.155 billion, up by 21.75% or P385 million from P1.77 billion and represented 8.58% of total operating income. Increase in impairments losses net was mainly due to higher general loan loss provisions relative to increase in loan volume as previously discussed.

Other operating income of P7.100 billion accounted for 28.26% of total operating income and is broken down as follows:

- Service fees and commissions stood at P3.138 billion and accounted for 12.49% of total operating income.
- Trading and securities gain-net declined by 44.41% or P719 million from P1.619 billion to P900 million attributable to decrease in realized trading gains from securities sold.
- Foreign exchange gains increased by 189.13% or Php522 million from P276 million to P798 million attributable to higher volatility in the market resulting to increase in volume of transactions.
- Trust fees settled at P279 million.
- Share in net earnings of subsidiaries and associates settled at Php92 million.
- Miscellaneous income went up by 18.46% or Php295 million from Php1.598 billion to P1.893 billion brought about by higher dividend and gains on assets sold.

Operating expenses stood at P17.815 billion and accounted 70.92% of Total Operating Income.

- Manpower costs increased by 11.63% or P629 million from P5.408 billion to P6.037 billion, as a result of hiring for the newly opened branches. It consumed 24.03% of the total operating income.
- Occupancy and equipment-related grew by 10.24% or P294 million from P2.871 billion to P3.165 billion mainly due to the 27 branches opened in 2017. It accounted 12.60% of the total operating income.
- Taxes and licenses stood at P1.821 billion.
- Depreciation and amortization increased by 8.38% or P148 million from P1.766 billion to P1.914 billion.
- Miscellaneous expenses declined by 10.82% or P592 million to settle at P4.878 billion from P5.470 billion, primarily as a result of the P1.0 billion fine imposed by the BSP in 2016, and it consumed 19.42% of total operating income

Tax expense increased by P1.015 billion from a tax income of P174 million to a tax expense of P841 million, primarily as a result of higher taxable income as well as the origination and reversal of temporary differences relating to MCIT.

Net profit attributable to non-controlling interest settled at P2 million.

Overall, net income increased by 11.37% or P440 million from P3.870 billion in 2016 to P4.310 billion in 2017.

Performance Indicators

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES				
	Audited			
	Consolidated		Parent	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	0.82%	0.77%	1.02%	0.93%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	6.72%	6.42%	6.74%	6.43%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	15.46%	16.16%	15.33%	16.23%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	1.25%	0.98%	0.54%	0.17%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	1.37%	1.52%	0.48%	0.34%
Net Interest Margin (NIM)	4.25%	4.06%	3.85%	3.47%

Cost-to-Income Ratio	70.92%	76.05%	68.01%	74.30%
Loans-to-Deposit Ratio*	90.84%	86.60%	91.67%	87.62%
Current Ratio	0.47	0.56	0.52	0.52
Liquid Assets-to-Total Assets Ratio	0.20	0.26	0.20	0.26
Debt-to-Equity Ratio	7.27	7.39	5.60	5.73
Asset-to- Equity Ratio	8.27	8.39	6.60	6.73
Asset -to- Liability Ratio	1.14	1.14	1.18	1.17
Interest Rate Coverage Ratio	1.73	1.50	1.95	1.60
Earnings per Share (EPS)				
Basic	Php 3.08	Php 2.76	Php 3.08	Php 2.76
Diluted	Php 3.08	Php 2.76	Php 3.08	Php 2.76

*Excluding Interbank loans and Loans under Reverse Repurchase Agreement

Wholly-Owned/Virtually Wholly Owned Subsidiaries

RCBC SAVINGS BANK	Audited	
	2017	2016
In Php 000s		
Net Income	Php 1,350,231	Php 1,005,140
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	1.22%	1.05%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	11.80%	9.89%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	14.03%	12.44%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	3.13%	2.88%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	4.09%	5.95%
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 43.74	Php 32.56

RIZAL MICROBANK	Audited	
	2017	2016
In Php 000s (Except EPS)		
Net Loss	Php (9,537)	Php (3,384)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	-0.69%	-0.33%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	-1.54%	-0.55%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	43.24%	65.28%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	0.02%	0.09%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	0.01%	1.24%
Loss per Share (EPS)	Php (1.09)	Php (0.30)

RCBC CAPITAL CORPORATION and Subsidiaries	Audited	
	2017	2016
In Php 000s (Except EPS)		
Net Income	Php 550,269	Php 294,079
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	12.40%	7.13%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	14.46%	8.14%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	39.36%	27.99%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	0.03%	0.05%
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 4.66	Php 2.49

RCBC FOREX BROKERS CORPORATION	Audited	
	2017	2016
In Php 000s (Except EPS)		
Net Income	Php 4,502	Php 39,917
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	2.48%	16.60%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	2.60%	20.14%
Capital to Total Assets	95.31%	77.08%

Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 9.00	Php 79.83

RCBC INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, LTD. and Subsidiary	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2017	2016
Net Loss	Php (8,940)	Php (1,931)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	-6.34%	-1.38%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	-6.49%	-1.40%
Capital to Total Assets	97.83%	100.05%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	0.00%	-0.54%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	0.00%	-
Loss per Share	Php (3.58)	Php (0.77)

RCBC NORTH AMERICA, INC.	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2017	2016
Net Loss	Php 0	Php (1,555)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	0.00%	-91.01%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	0.00%	-90.98%
Capital to Total Assets	58.70%	217.45%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Loss per Share	Php 0	Php (35.56)

RCBC TELEMONEY EUROPE S.P.A	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2017	2016
Net Loss	Php (9,172)	Php (45,056)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	-55.15%	-52.36%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	12.43%	-110.16%
Capital to Total Assets	-647.61%	-47.43%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Loss per Share (EPS)	Php (91.72)	Php (450.56)

RCBC-JPL HOLDING COMPANY, INC. (Formerly JP Laurel Bank, Inc.)	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2017	2016
Net Income	Php 88	Php 2,259
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	0.05%	1.05%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	-0.07%	-1.88%
Capital to Total Assets	-61.78%	-62.35%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 0.00	Php 0.01

NIYOG PROPERTY HOLDINGS, INC.	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2017	2016
Net Income	Php 134,909	Php 10,414
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	18.42%	1.40%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	19.32%	1.46%
Capital to Total Assets	96.05%	94.43%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-

Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 96.99	Php 7.49

RCBC LEASING AND FINANCE CORP. and Subsidiary In Php 000s (Except EPS)	Audited	
	2017	2016
Net Income	Php 91,147	Php 70,218
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	1.10%	1.04%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	13.64%	11.23%
Capital to Total Assets	7.87%	13.95%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	8.61%	12.51%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	6.65%	8.41%
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 0.199	Php 0.15

Notes to the Computations:

1. Consolidated and Parent Company ROA and ROE ratios were taken from the corresponding audited financial statements. ROA ratio of the subsidiaries was determined based on the average of the quarterly ending balances of total assets, audited and/or unaudited. ROE ratio of the subsidiaries was likewise computed based on the average of the quarterly ending balances of total equity, audited and/or unaudited.
2. CAR covers combined credit, market and operational risks. Where the BIS CAR was not computed, the simple Capital to Total Assets ratio formula was used.
3. NPL ratio is determined by using the following formula: $(\text{Total NPLs net of total specific provision for losses}) / (\text{Total gross loan portfolio})$
4. NPA ratio is determined by using the following formula: $(\text{Net NPLs} + \text{Gross ROPA} + \text{Non performing SCR}) / \text{Gross Total Assets}$.
5. For some subsidiaries, the NPL/NPA ratios were not computed since these ratios were not applicable.

2018

Philippine economy continued to sustain its resilience amid global economic slowdown in 2018. Philippine economic growth is still at its sharp upward trajectory as it grew for the 19th straight year (since 1999) and growth still remains at 6% levels for the past 6 years (since 2012) at +6.2% in 2018. This is slower vs. 6.7% in 2017, and the slowest in 3 years partly due to higher inflation, higher interest rates, and decline in exports, yet growth is still among the fastest in Asia. Philippine economic growth remained relatively higher compared to recent years due to improved macroeconomic and credit fundamentals with manageable inflation environment, peso exchange rate trend consistent with macroeconomic fundamentals, manageable fiscal performance, and still relatively strong external position. Growth momentum is sustained by increased infrastructure spending (Build, Build, Build program of the government) to expand the economy's absorptive capacity, and Philippines has been benefiting from its demographic advantage since 2015 where majority of the population already reached the working age.

Fitch Ratings affirmed Philippines credit ratings (at BBB; stable outlook), largely driven by the government's tax reform initiative. This is still one notch above minimum investment grade and the same with Moody's (at Baa2; stable outlook) and S&P (at BBB; stable outlook). Positive investor sentiment is partly reflected by foreign direct investments among record highs.

Strong macroeconomic fundamentals have fortified the Philippine economy against disruptions caused by natural calamities, as well as external challenges such as slowing global economic growth aggravated by the US-China trade war and partial US government shutdown, volatility in world crude oil prices as US imposed sanctions on Iranian and Venezuelan oil exports, uncertainties over Brexit, gradual Fed rate hikes (total of 1 percentage point in 2018), and emergence of some protectionist policies.

Output and employment

Consumer spending, which accounted for about 70% of the Philippine economy in 2018, remains to be among the major drivers of the demand side of the economy, alongside the strong growth in government spending (+12.8% year-on-year vs. +5.9% last year; fastest since 2012 due to the Build, Build Build program of the government), and the continued growth in investments (+13.9% year-on-year vs. +9.4% in 2017)

In terms of industrial origin, economic growth in 2018 was largely driven by industry (+6.8% year-on-year; mainly driven by construction that posted a 15.9% growth), and services (still relatively high with +6.6% year-on-year growth and remained to be the largest contributor as it comprised 57.7% of GDP).

Philippine unemployment rate is at 5.3%, which is among the lowest in more than a decade (vs. 7%-8% levels in 2005), partly due to additional BPO and tourism jobs, as well as improved local employment conditions.

Agriculture sector is still lagging behind as it posted +0.8% year-on-year growth in 2018. This is slower than +4% growth recorded in 2017 partly due to Typhoon Ompong, which had the second biggest damage to agriculture after Super typhoon Yolanda in 2013.

Prices

Inflation in 2018 averaged at 5.2% (among decade highs), after 2.9% in 2017 amid higher prices of food/rice, oil, and imports due to weaker peso. Inflation already eased to 5.1% in Dec. 2018 after reaching a peak of 6.7% in Oct. 2018. For instance, the 91-day Treasury bill yield went up by +3.18 percentage points in 2018, closing the year at 5.32% while the 5-year benchmark local interest rate (PHP BVAL yield) went up by +2.26 percentage points, closing the year at 7.04%.

Money and Interest Rates

The Philippine central bank (BSP) raised its local policy rates by a total of 1.75 percentage points in 2018 due to higher inflation. This has led to higher local interest rates that reached decade highs last Oct. 22, 2018, but already started to ease thereafter alongside the declining trend in inflation.

Peso exchange rate (vs. US dollar) closed at 52.58 in end-2018 vs. 49.93 in end-2017 amid record trade deficit that required increased purchase of foreign exchange needed for the sharp increase in net imports. Peso was also weaker due to external factors including stronger dollar vs. major global currencies after the Federal Reserve increased key US interest rates and the increased volatility in Emerging Markets, among others.

Philippine banks continue to be resilient in 2018 as quality of assets and loan portfolio sustained improvement. Banks' non-performing loans (as percent of total loans) went down to 1.3% from double-digit ratio in 2004. Total loans of banks in 2018 slowed down to +15.6% year-on-year to PHP8.3tn (slowest since April 2016) as local interest rates increased borrowing costs that reduced loan demand by businesses and consumers, thereby reducing economic activities/ GDP growth.

Similarly, domestic liquidity/M3 growth in 2018 slowed down to +9.2% year-on-year vs. 11.9% in 2017.

The Philippine Stock Exchange Composite Index (PSEi) declined by 12.8% in 2018 to close at 7,466.02, after +25.1% gain in 2017. It reached a record high of 9,058.62 last Jan. 29, 2018 and a low of 6,843.83 last Nov. 13, 2018.

External Sector

Total exports of the country for 2018 slightly declined by -1.8% (vs. 19.7% in 2017) year-on-year to US\$67.5bn amid global economic slowdown aggravated by lingering US-China trade war which reduced demand for Philippine exports that are part of the global supply chain. Slower growth in exports may also reflect slowdown in manufacturing where there are some uncertainties over the proposed rationalization of fiscal incentives that kept some new foreign investments, especially export-oriented, on a wait-and-see attitude.

Growth of total imports for 2018 grew by +13.4% (after posting a +14.2% growth in 2017) to US\$108.9bn amid increased importation of capital goods and raw materials required by the local economy which remains to be one of the fastest-growing in the region. Consequently, trade deficit or net imports for 2018 widened sharply to a new record high of -US\$41.4bn vs. -US\$27.4bn in 2017.

Philippine economy remains to be supported against global headwinds with gross international reserves at US\$79.2bn (as of end-2018) that covers 7 months of imports, structural US dollar flows from OFW remittances (growing at 3% to US\$32.21bn, highest annual level to date) and BPO revenues, and continued inflows of foreign direct investments at US\$9.1bn for the first 11 months of 2018 (although declined by -3.2% vs. US\$9.4bn in in the same period last year due to uncertainties on the proposed rationalization of fiscal incentives). Net foreign portfolio investments inflows in 2018: US\$1.2bn vs. outflows of -US\$1.95bn in 2017.

Public Finance

Wider budget deficit at -PHP477.2bn in the first 11 months of 2018 (vs. -PHP243.5bn in the same period last year) as reflected by the increase in government spending especially on infrastructure which grew by an average of at least 50%, thereby making it a major contributor to economic growth.

Total outstanding debt of national government as of 2018 is more favorable at 41.9% of GDP (vs. 42.1% in 2017) which still reflects the country's improved fiscal management.

Financial and Operating Highlights

Balance Sheet

RCBC's Total Assets stood at ₱645.0 billion.

BALANCE SHEET			
In Million Pesos	2018	2017	2016
Total Assets	644,595	553,988	521,193
Investment Securities	118,449	72,932	75,622
Loans and Receivables (Net)	398,300	354,243	306,167
Total Deposits	423,399	388,412	353,077
Capital Funds	81,170	67,027	62,133

RCBC's Total Assets grew by 16.36% or P90.607 billion from P553.988 billion to P644.595 billion mainly due to the increase in Investment Securities and Loans and Receivables.

Cash and Other Cash Items, grew by 18.37% or P2.699 billion, attributable to the additional cash requirements for the 23 extension offices converted to regular branches, and additional cash to service ATM withdrawals during the holidays.

Total Investment Securities, representing 18.38% of Total Resources, increased by 62.41% or P45.517 billion from P72.932 billion to P118.469 billion attributable to 309.98% or P16.624 billion increase in Financial Assets at Fair Value through other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) from P5.363 billion to P21.987 billion and 48.21% or P28.914 billion increase in Investment Securities at Amortized Cost from P59.978 billion to P88.892 billion.

Loans and Receivables-net went up by 12.44% or P44.057 billion from P354.243 billion to P398.300 billion and represented 61.79% of Total Resources. This was primarily as a result of increase in the volume of loan releases.

Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, net decreased by 5.94% or P531 million from P8.946 billion to P8.415 billion primarily as a result of depreciation and amortization. Investment Properties, net increased by 6.83% or P232 million mainly due to additional foreclosed properties made by subsidiaries.

Deferred Tax Assets-net increased by 10.44% from or P198 million from P1.896 billion to P2.094 billion as a result of origination of additional deductible temporary differences.

Deposit liabilities grew by 9.01% or P34.987 billion from P388.412 billion to P423.399 billion and represented 65.68% of Total Resources. Demand deposits increased by 8.49% or P4.417 billion from P51.996 billion to P56.413 billion and accounted for 8.75% of Total Resources; Savings Deposits grew by 5.40% or P8.920 billion from P165.187 billion to P174.107 billion and accounted for 27.01% of Total Resources. Time deposits grew by 12.64% or P21.650 billion from P171.229 billion to P192.879 billion and accounted for 29.92% of Total Resources.

Bills payable increased by 27.37% or P12.034 billion from P43.967 billion to P56.001 billion mainly attributable to increase in foreign borrowings. Bonds payable also increased by 89.20% or P25.030 billion from P28.060 billion to P53.090 billion primarily as a result of issuance of US\$300 million senior notes in March 2018 and U.S\$150 million senior notes in April 2018.

Accrued taxes, interest and other expenses payable increased by 26.09% or P1.092 billion from P4.185 billion to P5.277 billion mainly due to increase in accruals for interest. Other Liabilities also grew by 26.70% or P3.303 billion from P12.369 billion to P15.672 billion due to increase in post-employment defined benefit obligation.

Total liabilities grew by 15.70% or P76.464 billion from P486.961 billion to P563.425 billion and represented 87.41% of Total Resources.

Common Stock grew by 38.27% or P5.357 billion from P13.999 billion to P19.356 billion and capital Paid in Excess of Par also increased by 41.64% or P9.426 billion attributable to the Stock Rights Offering in July 2018.

Net Unrealized Gains on Financial Assets at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income declined by 21.04% or P414 million from P1.968 billion to P1.554 billion as a result of revaluation of investment securities. Cumulative Translation Adjustment also declined by 36.47% or P31 million from P85 million to P54 million as a result of the liquidation of a foreign subsidiary. Actuarial loss on defined benefit plan, on the other hand, was recorded at negative P1.344 billion from a negative balance of P79 million.

Reserve for Trust Business went up by 4.13% or P18 million from P436 million to P454 million.

Total Capital Funds increased by 21.10% or P14.391 billion from P67.027 billion to P81.170 billion and accounted for 12.59% of Total Resources.

Finally, there are no known trends, demands, and commitments, events, or uncertainties that will have a material impact on the Bank's operational performance and ability to service obligations.

Income Statement

INCOME STATEMENT			
In Million Pesos	2018	2017	2016
Interest Income	30,933	24,764	23,137
Interest Expense	10,444	6,743	7,430
Net Interest Income	20,489	18,021	15,707
Other Operating Income	6,006	7,100	7,114
Impairment Losses	1,899	2,155	1,770
Operating Expenses	19,403	17,815	17,355
Tax Expense (Income)	872	841	(174)
Net Income attributable to non-controlling interest	1	2	2
Net income	4,320	4,308	3,868

Total interest income increased by 24.91% or P6.169 billion from P24.764 billion to P30.933 billion and accounted for 125.76% of total operating income. Interest income from loans and receivables went up by 23.14% or P5.081 billion from P21.956 billion to P27.037 billion and accounted for 109.92% of total operating income. The increase is mainly due to increase in average volume of Loans and Receivables and increase in average yield of loans and receivables. Interest income from investment securities also went up by 40.04% or P973 from P2.430 billion to P3.403 billion mainly due to decrease in volume of total investment securities. It accounted for 13.84% of total operating income. Other interest income increased by 30.42% or P115 million from P378 million to P493 million primarily as a result of increase in BSP term deposit placements.

Total interest expense stood at P10.444 billion and accounted 42.46% of total operating income. Interest expense on deposit liabilities grew by 59.00% from P3.959 billion to P6.295 billion, representing 25.59% of total operating income. The increase was a result of higher volume and cost of time deposits. Interest expense on bills payable and other borrowings increase by 49.03% or P1.365 billion from P2.784 billion to P4.149 billion mainly due to issuance of Senior Notes in 2018.

As a result, Net Interest Income increased by 13.70% or P2.468 billion from P18.021 billion to P20.489 billion.

The Group booked lower impairment losses at P1.899 billion, down by 11.88% or P256 million from P2.155 billion and represented 75.58% of total operating income. Decrease in impairments losses net was mainly due to lower general and specific loan loss provisions.

Other operating income of P6.006 billion accounted for 24.42% of total operating income and is broken down as follows:

- Service fees and commissions grew by 5.690% or P185 million from P3.138 billion to P3.323 billion and accounted for 13.51% of total operating income. Increase is primarily due to increase in Bancassurance fee income, Bancnet fee income, loan and trade related fees
- Trading and securities gain-net declined from P900 million to nil attributable to decrease in realized trading gains from securities sold
- Foreign exchange gains was recorded at P843 million.
- Trust fees settled at P278 million.
- Share in net earnings of subsidiaries and associates settled at P14 million.
- Miscellaneous income declined by 18.23% or P345 million from P1.893 billion to P1.548 billion brought about by lower income from assets acquired.

Operating expenses stood at P19.403 billion and accounted 78.89% of Total Operating Income.

- Manpower costs increased by 9.53% or P571 million from P5.991 billion to P6.562 billion, as a result of hiring of sales personnel for the branches and annual merit increase. It consumed 26.68% of the total operating income
- Occupancy and equipment-related grew by 8.54% or P272 million from P3.185 billion to P3.457 billion. It accounted 14.06% of the total operating income
- Taxes and licenses stood at P1.821 billion.
- Depreciation and amortization decreased by P93 million from P1.914 billion to P1.821 billion.
- Miscellaneous expenses went up by 8.58% or P421 million to settle at P5.325 billion from P4.904 billion, primarily as a result of higher service fees, communication and information expenses, and ROPA-related costs, and it consumed 21.65% of total operating income

Tax expense was at P872 million.

Net profit attributable to non-controlling interest settled at P1 million.

Overall, net income was recorded at P4.321 billion.

Performance Indicators

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES				
	Audited			
	Consolidated		Parent	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	0.73%	0.82%	0.90%	1.02%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	5.78%	6.72%	5.79%	6.74%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	16.13%	15.46%	16.50%	15.33%
CET 1 Ratio	13.38%	12.45%	13.24%	11.75%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	1.31%	1.25%	0.57%	0.54%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	1.15%	1.37%	0.43%	0.48%
Net Interest Margin (NIM)	4.00%	4.25%	3.80%	3.85%
Cost-to-Income Ratio	73.23%	70.92%	68.88%	68.01%
Loans-to-Deposit Ratio*	96.51%	93.38%	100.35%	94.26%
Current Ratio	0.50	0.47	0.54	0.52
Liquid Assets-to-Total Assets Ratio	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.20
Debt-to-Equity Ratio	6.94	7.27	5.30	5.60
Asset-to- Equity Ratio	7.94	8.27	6.30	6.60
Asset -to- Liability Ratio	1.14	1.14	1.19	1.18
Interest Rate Coverage Ratio	1.50	1.73	1.68	1.95
Earnings per Share (EPS)				
Basic	Php 2.62	Php 3.08	Php 2.62	Php 3.08
Diluted	Php 2.62	Php 3.08	Php 2.62	Php 3.08

*Excluding Interbank loans and Loans under Reverse Repurchase Agreement

Wholly-Owned/Virtually Wholly Owned Subsidiaries

RCBC SAVINGS BANK	Audited	
	2018	2017
In Php 000s (Except EPS)		
Net Income	Php 1,041,275	Php 1,350,238
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	0.85%	1.22%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	7.99%	11.80%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	12.81%	14.03%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	3.26%	3.13%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	3.36%	4.09%
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 33.73	Php 43.74

RIZAL MICROBANK	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2018	2017
Net Income (Loss)	Php 24,181	Php (19,163)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	1.68%	-1.39%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	4.13%	-3.10%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	35.40%	43.24%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	0.07%	0.02%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	0.72%	0.01%
Earnings (Loss) per Share (EPS)	Php 2.15	Php (1.70)

RCBC CAPITAL CORPORATION and Subsidiaries	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2018	2017
Net Income	Php 109,679	Php 547,620
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	2.54%	12.33%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	2.89%	14.39%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	20.43%	39.36%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	0.03%	0.03%
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 0.93	Php 4.64

RCBC FOREX BROKERS CORPORATION	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2018	2017
Net Income	Php 14,096	Php 4,334
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	7.76%	2.39%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	8.19%	2.50%
Capital to Total Assets	95.18%	95.31%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 28.19	Php 8.67

RCBC INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, LTD. and Subsidiary	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2018	2017
Net Loss	Php (13,402)	Php (8,940)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	-9.99%	-6.34%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	-10.28%	-6.49%
Capital to Total Assets	96.65%	97.83%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	0.00%	0.00%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	0.00%	0.00%
Loss per Share	Php (5.36)	Php (3.58)

RCBC NORTH AMERICA, INC.*	Audited	
In Php 000s (Except EPS)	2018	2017
Net Loss	Php 0	Php 0
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	0.00%	0.00%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	0.00%	0.00%
Capital to Total Assets	0.00%	58.70%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Loss per Share	Php 0	Php 0

RCBC TELEMONEY EUROPE S.P.A ** In Php 000s (Except EPS)	Audited	
	2018	2017
Net Loss	Php (16,222)	Php (9,172)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	-111.16%	-55.15%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	34.62%	12.43%
Capital to Total Assets	-310.72%	-647.61%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Loss per Share (EPS)	Php (162.22)	Php (91.72)

*Dissolved in May 2018.

**Closed operations in March 2016.

RCBC-JPL HOLDING COMPANY, INC. (Formerly JP Laurel Bank, Inc.) In Php 000s (Except EPS)	Audited	
	2018	2017
Net Income	Php 1,203	Php 0.11
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	0.62%	0.05%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	-1.04%	-0.09%
Capital to Total Assets	-62.20%	-61.78%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 1.02	Php 0.10

NIYOG PROPERTY HOLDINGS, INC. In Php 000s (Except EPS)	Audited	
	2018	2017
Net Income	Php 33,920	Php 139,963
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	5.00%	19.11%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	5.26%	20.04%
Capital to Total Assets	94.96%	96.05%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	-	-
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	-	-
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 24.39	Php 100.63

RCBC LEASING AND FINANCE CORP. and Subsidiary In Php 000s (Except EPS)	Audited	
	2018	2017
Net Income	Php 120,513	Php 87,798
Return on Average Assets (ROA)	1.29%	1.06%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)	11.71%	13.13%
Capital to Total Assets	12.65%	7.87%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	6.41%	8.61%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio	5.20%	6.65%
Earnings per Share (EPS)	Php 0.08	Php 0.193

Notes to the Computations:

- Consolidated and Parent Company ROA and ROE ratios were taken from the corresponding audited financial statements. ROA ratio of the subsidiaries was determined based on the average of the quarterly ending balances of total assets, audited and/or unaudited. ROE ratio of the subsidiaries was likewise computed based on the average of the quarterly ending balances of total equity, audited and/or unaudited.*
- CAR covers combined credit, market and operational risks. Where the BIS CAR was not computed, the simple Capital to Total Assets ratio formula was used.*

8. *NPL ratio is determined by using the following formula: (Total NPLs net of total specific provision for losses) / (Total gross loan portfolio)*
9. *NPA ratio is determined by using the following formula: (Net NPLs + Gross ROPA + Non performing SCR) / Gross Total Assets.*

For some subsidiaries, the NPL/NPA ratios were not computed since these ratios were not applicable.

Key Variable and Other Qualitative and Quantitative Factors

Plans for 2019

The Bank aims to continue to diversify the loan portfolio by focusing on the fast-growing and higher-yielding SME & Consumer segments so that these segments will comprise more than 50% of the Bank's total loan portfolio and in the process, improve average return on risk assets. Microfinance lending will continue to grow especially in the Mindanao and Visayas regions.

The Bank aims to increase the number of RCBC customers across all segments. Consequently, there will be a strong focus on growing low cost CASA (or Current and Savings Accounts) by targeting the retail and corporate deposits through branch and digital channels expansion.

The Bank also aims to grow fee-based income and improve the percentage of Fee Income-to-Gross Income. This will be carried out by growing the client and cardholder base in order to increase the transaction volume of fee-based products and bolster investment banking services and corporate banking transactions.

Lastly, the Bank also aims to focus on Digital Banking given the rapid advancement and sophistication in the technology and financial landscape. This will be done by enhancing our electronic business solutions and platforms to support the customers' requirements by adding more features to facilitate more financial transactions.

Note to Financial Statements as of March 31, 2019

Statement of Compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The interim financial statements of the Bank have been prepared in accordance with the Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS).

See accompanying Notes to Interim Financial Statements for the detailed discussion of compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This is still being finalized as of date and will be provided in the Definitive Information Statement.

Accounting Policies and Methods of Computation. See accompanying Notes to Interim Financial Statements for the detailed discussion of the accounting policies and methods of computation (Note 2). This is still being finalized as of date and will be provided in the Definitive Information Statement.

Seasonality or Cyclicity of Interim Operations. Seasonal or cyclical events and/or conditions do not materially affect the year-round operations of the Bank.

Changes in Estimates of Amounts Reported. There were no changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior interim periods of the current financial year or in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years.

Issuances, Repurchases and Repayments of Debt and Equity Securities. This is still being finalized as of date and will be provided in the Definitive Information Statement.

Dividends Paid for Ordinary or Other Shares. In its meeting held on February 26, 2019, the Board of Directors approved the declaration and payment of cash dividends amounting to P0.12054 per share, or a total of approximately P32 thousand payable to holders of Preferred Class shares as of March 21, 2019.

The details of the cash dividend approvals and distributions from 2018 up to March 31, 2019 are as follows (amounts in Thousand Php except per share figures):

Nature	Amount Per Share	Record Date By	Date Approved		Date Paid/ Payable
			By BOD	By BSP	
Preferred	P0.0919	March 21, 2018	January 29, 2018	March 1, 2018	March 28, 2018
Common	P0.0616	April 20, 2018	March 26, 2018	April 5, 2018	May 7, 2018
Preferred	P0.0616	April 20, 2018	March 26, 2018	April 5, 2018	May 7, 2018
Preferred	P0.1080	June 21, 2018	April 30, 2018	June 14, 2018	June 25, 2018
Preferred	P0.1108	September 21, 2018	July 30, 2018	September 4, 2018	September 24, 2018
Preferred	P0.0111	December 21, 2018	November 26, 2018	**	December 28, 2018
Preferred	P0.12054	March 21, 2019	February 26, 2019	**	TBA

** Not applicable, BSP approval not anymore required

Segment Information. This is still being finalized as of date and will be provided in the Definitive Information Statement.

Material Events Subsequent to the End of the Interim Period Not Reflected in the Financial Statements. This is still being finalized as of date and will be provided in the Definitive Information Statement.

Changes in Composition of the Issuer During the Interim Period. There were no material changes in Composition of the Issuer during the Interim Period.

Changes in Contingent Liabilities or Contingent Assets. There were no material changes in contingent liabilities or contingent assets since the last annual balance sheet date.

Material Contingencies and Any Other Events or Transactions. This is still being finalized as of date and will be provided in the Definitive Information Statement..

Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Financial Performance

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES								
	Consolidated				Parent			
	Unaudited		Audited		Unaudited		Audited	
	31-Mar-19		31-Dec-18		31-Mar-19		31-Dec-18	
Return on Average Assets (ROA) * ^{1/}	0.82%		0.73%		1.03%		0.90%	
Return on Average Equity (ROE) * ^{2/}	6.43%		5.78%		6.44%		5.79%	
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio	16.17%		16.13%		16.30%		16.50%	
CET 1 Ratio	13.36%		13.38%		12.95%		13.24%	
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio ^{3/}	2.63%		1.31%		2.39%		0.57%	
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio ^{4/}	2.12%		1.15%		1.47%		0.43%	
Net Interest Margin (NIM)*	3.84%		4.00%		3.94%		3.80%	
Cost-to-Income Ratio	64.23%		73.23%		58.17%		68.88%	
Loans-to-Deposit Ratio ^{5/}	99.09%		96.51%		101.99%		100.35%	
Current Ratio	0.48		0.50		0.54		0.54	
Liquid Assets -to-Total Assets Ratio	0.19		0.21		0.19		0.19	
Debt-to-Equity Ratio	6.98		6.94		5.42		5.30	
Asset-to- Equity Ratio	7.98		7.94		6.42		6.30	
Asset -to- Liability Ratio	1.14		1.14		1.18		1.19	
Interest Rate Coverage Ratio	1.47		1.50		1.64		1.68	
Earnings per share (EPS)* ^{6/}								
Basic and Diluted	PHP	2.73	PHP	2.62	PHP	2.73	PHP	2.62

*March 31, 2019 ratios/amounts were annualized

- ^{1/} Average assets for the consolidated and parent ratios were computed based on the 4-month average of end of month balances of total assets. Unaudited net income for the 3-month period ended March 31, 2019 in the amount of P1.305 billion represented the consolidated and parent.
- ^{2/} Average equity for the consolidated and parent ratios were, likewise, computed based on the 4-month average of end of month balances. Unaudited net income for the 3-month period ended March 31, 2019 in the amount of P1.305 billion represented the consolidated and parent.
- ^{3/} Non-performing loans (NPLs) were net of total specific allowance for probable losses per BSP Circular No. 772 of 2012.
- ^{4/} NPAs were net of total specific allowance for probable losses.
- ^{5/} Including Interbank Loans
- ^{6/} Total weighted average number of issued and outstanding common shares (diluted) as of March 31, 2019 – 1,935,696,863 shares; as of December 31, 2018 – 1,935,628,775 shares.

Performance Indicators for Wholly-Owned/Majority Owned Subsidiaries

RCBC SAVINGS BANK In Php 000s	Unaudited		Audited	
		March 31, 2019		December 31, 2018
Net Income	PHP	158,720	Php	1,041,275
Return on Average Assets (ROA)*		0.47%		0.85%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)*		4.71%		7.99%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)		13.09%		12.81%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio		3.17%		3.26%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio		4.21%		3.36%
Earnings per Share (EPS)*	PHP	20.85	Php	33.73

RIZAL MICROBANK In Php 000s	Unaudited		Audited	
		March 31, 2019		December 31, 2018
Net Income (Loss)	PHP	5,131	Php	24,181
Return on Average Assets (ROA)*		1.30%		1.68%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)*		3.48%		4.13%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)		32.74%		35.40%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio		0.90%		0.07%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio		1.34%		0.72%
Earnings (Loss) per Share (EPS)*	PHP	1.85	Php	2.15

RCBC CAPITAL CORPORATION and Subsidiaries In Php 000s	Unaudited		Audited	
		March 31, 2019		December 31, 2018
Net Income	PHP	147,309	Php	109,679
Return on Average Assets (ROA)*		11.18%		2.54%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)*		15.44%		2.89%
BIS Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)		27.83%		20.43%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio		0.00%		0.00%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio		0.03%		0.03%
Earnings per Share (EPS)*	PHP	5.06	Php	0.93

RCBC FOREX BROKERS CORPORATION In Php 000s	Unaudited		Audited	
		March 31, 2019		December 31, 2018
Net Income	PHP	5,749	Php	14,096
Return on Average Assets (ROA)*		11.83%		7.76%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)*		12.54%		8.19%
Capital to Total Assets Ratio		93.45%		95.18%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio		0.00%		0.00%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio		0.00%		0.00%
Earnings per Share (EPS)*	PHP	46.63	Php	28.19

*March 31, 2019 ratios/amounts were annualized

¹RCBC North America, Inc. ceased its operations in March 2014. Final dissolution date was on May 8, 2018.

RCBC INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, LTD. and Subsidiary In Php 000s	Unaudited		Audited
	March 31, 2019		December 31, 2018
Net Loss	PHP	42	Php (13,402)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)*		0.14%	-9.99%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)*		0.14%	-10.28%
Capital to Total Assets Ratio		95.97%	96.65%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio		0.00%	0.00%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio		0.00%	0.00%
Loss per Share (EPS)*	PHP	0.07	Php (5.36)

RCBC TELEMONEY EUROPE S.P.A ² In Php 000s	Unaudited		Audited
	March 31, 2019		December 31, 2018
Net Loss	PHP	(3,792)	Php (16,222)
Return on Average Assets (ROA)*		-57.22%	-111.16%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)*		39.51%	34.62%
Capital to Total Assets Ratio		-124.13%	-310.72%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio		0.00%	0.00%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio		0.00%	0.00%
Loss per Share (EPS)*	PHP	(153.79)	Php (162.22)

RCBC-JPL HOLDING COMPANY, INC. (Formerly JP Laurel Bank, Inc.) In Php 000s	Unaudited		Audited
	March 31, 2019		December 31, 2018
Net Income	PHP	(1,192)	Php 1,203
Return on Average Assets (ROA)*		-2.63%	0.62%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)*		4.19%	-1.04%
Capital to Total Assets Ratio		-62.64%	-62.20%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio		0.00%	0.00%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio		0.00%	0.00%
Earnings per Share (EPS)*	PHP	(0.03)	Php 1.02

NIYOG PROPERTY HOLDINGS, INC. In Php 000s	Unaudited		Audited
	March 31, 2019		December 31, 2018
Net Income	PHP	24,275	Php 33,920
Return on Average Assets (ROA)*		15.45%	5.00%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)*		16.40%	5.26%
Capital to Total Assets Ratio		93.26%	94.96%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio		0.00%	0.00%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio		0.00%	0.00%
Earnings per Share (EPS)*	PHP	70.78	Php 24.39

*March 31, 2019 ratios/amounts were annualized

²The company ceased its operations in March 2016. Waiting for final liquidation closure.

RCBC LEASING AND FINANCE CORP. and Subsidiary In Php 000s	Unaudited		Audited
		March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Net Income	PHP	41,901	Php 120,513
Return on Average Assets (ROA)*		1.73%	1.29%
Return on Average Equity (ROE)*		11.57%	11.71%
Capital to Total Assets Ratio		21.13%	12.65%
Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio		5.16%	6.41%
Non-Performing Assets (NPA) Ratio		4.59%	5.20%
Earnings per Share (EPS)*	PHP	0.12	Php 0.08

*March 31, 2019 ratios/amounts were annualized

31 March 2019 vs 31 December 2018

RCBC's Total Assets was recorded at P664.727 billion.

Cash and other Cash Items decreased by 20.22% or P3.517 billion from P17.392 to P13.875 billion. Due from Other Banks declined by 14.46% or P2.942 billion from P20.342 to P17.400 billion mainly due to decrease in foreign bank placements. Loans under reverse repurchase agreement decreased by 31.93% or P3.203 billion from P10.032 billion to P6.829 billion mainly due to lower placements with the BSP.

Total trading investment securities, representing 21.09% of Total Resources, increased by 18.35% or P21.731 billion from P118.450 billion to P140.181 billion attributable to: 27.85% or P2.109 billion increase in Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit of Loss; 40.08% or P8.813 billion increase in Financial Assets at Fair Value through other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) from P21.987 billion to P30.800 billion; and 12.16% or P10.809 billion increase in Investment at Amortized Cost from P88.892 billion to P99.701 billion, which represents 15% of total resources.

Loans and Receivables-net was recorded at P404.013 billion and represented 60.78% of Total Resources.

Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, net increased by 22.87% or P1.924 billion from P8.415 billion to P10.339 billion attributable to the recognition of right of use of asset in accordance with the Bank's adoption of PFRS 16 leases.

Deposit liabilities were recorded at P415.965 billion and represented 62.58% of Total Resources. Demand deposits stood at P57.796 billion at accounted for 8.69% of Total Resources; Savings Deposits were recorded at P171.449 billion and accounted for 25.79% of Total Resources. Time deposits reached P186.719 billion and accounted for 28.09% of total resources.

Bills payable increased by 14.66% or P8.209 billion from P56.001 billion to P64.210 billion primarily due to the borrowing through the BSP Overnight Borrowing facility; it represented 9.66% of total resources. Bonds payable increased by 28.13% or P14.933 billion from P53.090 billion to P68.023 billion attributable to the P15 billion green bonds issuance. Accrued taxes, interest and other expenses payable increased by 7.07% or P373 million from P5.277 billion to P5.650 billion mainly due to increase in accruals for other expenses.

Other Liabilities increased by 12.48% or P1.956 million from P15.672 billion to P17.628 billion primarily due to the recognition of lease liability in accordance with the Bank's adoption of PFRS 16.

Total liabilities stood at P581.466 billion and represented 87.47% of Total Resources

Net Unrealized Gains/(Losses) on Financial Assets At Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income increased by 65.23% or P1.015 billion from P1.556 billion to P2.571 billion.

Total Capital Funds was recorded at P83.261 billion and accounted for 12.53% of Total Resources.

Income Statement

March 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

Total interest income increased by 31.53% or P2.177 billion from P6.906 billion to P9.083 billion and accounted for 111.50% of total operating income. Interest income on loans and receivables went up by 22.32% or P1.400 billion from P6.271 billion to P7.671 billion and accounted for 94.16% of total operating income. The increase is mainly due to increase in average yield and volume of Loans and Receivables. Interest income on investment securities increased by 120.40% or P721 million from P599 million to P1.320 billion mainly due to increase in volume and yield of investment securities, it accounted for 16.20% of total operating income. Other interest income increased by 157.69% or P57 million from P36 million to P93 million primarily as a result of increase in USD interest rate.

Total interest expense increased by 81.68% or P1.706 billion from P2.089 billion to P3.796 billion and accounted 46.59% of total operating income. Interest expense on deposit liabilities grew by 79.43% from P1.264 billion to P2.268 billion primarily as a result of increase in time deposit level in terms of ADB coupled by increase in average cost; it represented 27.84% of total operating income. Interest expense on bills payable and other borrowings increased by 85.12% or P702 million from P825 million to P1.527 billion mainly due to increase in volume and yield of Bills Payable and Bonds Payable.

As a result, net interest income increased by 9.78% or P471 million from P4.816 billion to P5.288 billion

The Group booked higher impairment losses at P1.134 billion, up by 148.28% or P677 million from P457 million and represented 13.92% of total operating income. Increase in impairment losses net was mainly due to additional provisions following the bank's ECL methodology.

The Other operating income increased by 71.29% or P1.190 billion from last year's P1.669 billion now at P2.859 billion, this accounted for 35.09% of total operating income, and is broken down as follows:

- Trading and securities gain-net increased by P1.461 billion from a loss of P10 million to a gain of P1.451, attributable realized trading gain from investment securities
- Service fees and commissions went up by 32.26% or P238 million from P739 million to P977 million largely due to higher credit card fees, and brokering and securities fees.
- Trust fees went up by 16.54% or P11 million from P68 million to P79 million attributable to increase in Mortgage Trust Indenture
- Foreign exchange losses was recorded at P5 million down by P349 million from last year's foreign exchange gain of P344 million.
- Miscellaneous income decreased by 32.36% or P171 million from P528 billion to P357 billion, attributable to lower dividend income.

Operating expenses, accounted for 64.23% of Total Operating Income, increased by 12.90% or P598 million from P4.634 billion to P5.232 billion due to the following:

- Manpower costs increased by 9.21% or P144 million from P1.566 billion to P1.711 billion, as a result of increase in manpower benefits, regular merit, and salary adjustment. It consumed 21.00% of the total operating income;

- Occupancy and equipment-related increased by 14.41% or P114 million from P792 million to P907 million attributable to escalation of rental rates, and equipment maintenance , it consumed 11.13% of Total operating income;
- Taxes and licenses grew by 24.97% or P139 million from P558 million to P697 million attributable to higher gross receipt tax as a result of higher gross income
- Depreciation and amortization was recorded at P405 million, down by 10.71% or P49 million from P454 million;
- Miscellaneous expenses went up by 19.66% or P248 million to settle at P1.512 billion from P1.264 billion primarily as a result of higher management and professional fees and other credit card related expenses.

Tax expense increased by 82.23% or P215 million from P261 million to P476 million mainly due to higher taxable income for the period.

Net profit attributable to non-controlling interest settled at P436 thousand.

Overall, net income increased by 15.17% or P172 million from P1.133 billion to P1.305 billion.

There were no significant elements of income or loss that did not arise from the bank's continuing operations.

Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

See accompanying Notes to FS for the detailed discussion of Commitments and Contingent Liabilities and the summary of contingencies and commitments arising from off-balance sheet items at their equivalent peso contractual amounts (Note 13).

There are also no known trends, events or uncertainties that have had or that are reasonably expected to have a material favorable or unfavorable impact on net sales/revenues/income from continuing operations.

There were no material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations), and other relationships of the company with unconsolidated entities or other persons created during the reporting period.

Similarly, there were no significant elements of income or loss that did not arise from the Bank's continuing operations.

(C) Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with Financial Reporting Standards in the Philippines for Banks (FRSPB) and reflect amounts that are based on the best estimates and informed judgment of management with appropriate consideration to materiality. (Please see Annex B for the audited financial statements for 2018)

If material;

(i) Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

In the normal course of operations of the Bank, there are various outstanding commitments and contingent liabilities such as guarantees, commitments to extend credit, tax assessments, etc., which are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. Management does not anticipate losses from these transactions that will adversely affect results of operations.

In the opinion of Management, the suits and claims arising from the normal course of operations of the Bank that remain unsettled, if decided adversely, will not involve sums that would have a

material effect on Bank's financial position or operating results. These suits are specified in the Legal Proceedings portion of the Information Statement.

There are no known trends, demands, and commitments, events, or uncertainties that will have a material impact on the Bank's operational performance and ability to service obligations.

Except for the above-mentioned proceedings, the Bank is not aware of any suits and claims by or against it or its subsidiaries, which if decided adversely would have a material effect on its financial position or operating results.

(ii) events that will trigger direct or contingent financial obligation that is material to the company; including any default or acceleration of an obligation

To the knowledge and/or information of the Bank, there are no events that will trigger a direct or contingent financial obligation that is material to the company, including any default or acceleration of an obligation. This is still being finalized as of date and will be provided in the Definitive Information Statement.

(iii) all material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations), and other relationships of the company with unconsolidated entities or other persons created during the reporting period

There were no material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations), and other relationships of the company with unconsolidated entities or other persons created during the reporting period.

(iv) description of any material commitments for capital expenditures, general purpose of such commitments, expected sources of funds for such expenditures

Similarly, there were no significant elements of income or loss that did not arise from the Bank's continuing operations.

(v) any known trends, events or uncertainties (material impact on sales)

There are also no known trends, events or uncertainties that have had or that are reasonably expected to have a material favorable or unfavorable impact on net sales/revenues/income from continuing operations.

(D) External Audit Fees

External Audit Fees and Services. The Audit Committee is empowered to appoint the external auditor of the Bank and pre-approve all auditing and non-audit services. It recommends to the Board the selection of external auditor considering independence and effectiveness and recommends the fees to be paid.

For the audit of the Bank's annual financial statements and services provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements, the aggregate amount to be billed/billed, excluding out-of-pocket expenses, by its independent accountant amounts/amounted to P12.32 million and P11.24 million for 2018 and 2017, respectively. Additionally, approximately P8.98 million was paid for other services rendered by the independent accountant in 2018.

The audit fees already incorporate fees for tax accounting, compliance, advice, planning and any other form of tax services rendered by the external auditor. There is no separate breakdown of tax fees since the tax compliance procedures are normal/recurring procedures conducted by the external auditor during their year-end audit and is not engaged separately by the Bank from the annual financial statements audit.

As for non-audit services and other fees, these pertain only to the quarterly financial statements review.

Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure. In connection with the audits of the Bank's financial statements for the two (2) most recent years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, there were no disagreements with Punongbayan and Araullo on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosures, audit scope or procedures.

The Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee are as follows: Mr. Laurito E. Serrano, as Chairman, and Atty. Adelita A. Vergel De Dios and Vaughn F. Montes as Members.

The Audit and Compliance Committee approved the policies and procedures for the above services.

(F) Brief Description of the General Nature and Scope of Business of RCBC and its Subsidiaries

Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC or the Bank) is a universal bank in the Philippines that provides a wide range of banking and financial products and services. It has total resources of P645 billion and total networth of P81.17 billion, including minority interest, as of end-December 2018. The Bank ranked eighth (8th) in terms of assets among private local banks. In terms of business centers, the Bank, excluding government-owned and foreign banks, ranked sixth (6th) with a consolidated network of 509 business centers inclusive of 12 extension offices and supplemented by 1,593 ATMs as of December 31, 2018.

The Bank offers commercial, corporate and consumer lending products, cash management products, treasury products, and remittance services. RCBC also enters into forward currency contracts as an accommodation to its clients and as a means of managing its foreign exchange exposures. The Bank and its subsidiaries (hereinafter referred to as the Group) are engaged in all aspects of traditional banking, investment banking, retail financing (auto, mortgage/housing loans, credit cards and microfinance loans), remittance, leasing, foreign exchange and stock brokering.

The Bank, incorporated under the name Rizal Development Bank, began operations as a private development bank in the province of Rizal in 1960. In 1963, the Bank received approval from the Central Bank of the Philippines to operate as a commercial bank and began operations under its present name, Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation. RCBC obtained its universal banking license in 1989 and has been listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange Inc. (PSE) since 1986.

RCBC's common shares are 41.56% directly and indirectly owned by Pan Malayan Management and Investment Corporation (PMMIC), a company incorporated and domiciled in the Philippines. PMMIC is the holding company of the flagship institutions comprising the Yuchengco Group of Companies (YGC) and other investments. Other significant investors include the World Bank's International Finance Corporation and Cathay Life Insurance Co. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cathay Financial which is the largest publicly listed financial holding company in Taiwan.

The registered address of RCBC is Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue Makati City.

Through its universal banking license, the Bank is allowed to perform a number of expanded commercial and investment bank functions and to invest in the equity of a variety of allied and non-allied financial and non-financial undertakings.

The Bank's subsidiaries are as follows:

RCBC Capital Corporation (RCBC Capital), a 99.96% owned subsidiary, was established in 1974 as the Bank's investment banking subsidiary. It offers a complete range of investment banking and financial consultancy services which include (i) the underwriting of equity, quasi-equity and debt securities on a firm or best efforts basis for private placement or public distribution; (ii) the syndication of foreign currency or peso loans; and (iii) financial advisory services.

RCBC Securities, Inc. (RCBC Securities), a wholly-owned subsidiary of RCBC Capital, is engaged in the electronic and traditional trading of listed securities and in providing corporate and market research. **RCBC Bankard Services Corporation (RCBC Bankard)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of RCBC Capital is engaged in providing services to the credit card business of the Bank.

RCBC Savings Bank, Inc. (RSB), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, was established in 1996 as the Bank's consumer banking arm. RSB provides deposit products, real estate loans, auto loans and personal loans. As of end-December 2018, RSB had 154 business centers and 457 ATMs nationwide. Subject to Regulatory approval, RSB will be merging with RCBC on July 1, 2019 as approved by the Board on November 26, 2018, and by the Stockholders in February 26, 2019.

RCBC Forex Brokers Corporation (RCBC Forex), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, was incorporated in 1998. RCBC Forex is primarily engaged in dealing and brokering currencies in foreign exchange contracts with local and international clients. In 2016, the foreign exchange business of RCBC Forex was consolidated into RCBC Treasury Group such that RCBC Forex will only continue dealing with money changers, foreign exchange dealers and remittance agents. This will provide synergies such as elimination of redundancy, generation of higher income and meaningful cost savings, and maintenance of client service/relationship. The integration will also enhance Treasury group's presence in the provinces while Forex operations will contribute extensive experience in documentary review.

RCBC International Finance Limited (RCBC IFL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, was established in July 31, 1962 and is the Bank's overseas branch in Hong Kong. **RCBC Investment Ltd. (RCBC IL)** is a 100% owned subsidiary of RCBC IFL established on August 1, 1980 to engage in the business of remittance, money exchange, retail lending and investment. RCBC IL was placed under dormant status in May 2009 and RCBC IFL took over its businesses using the Money Service Operator's (MSO) and Money Lender's (ML) Licenses.

RCBC North America, Inc. (formerly RCBC California International, Inc.), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank (83.97% owned by RCBC; 16.03% indirectly owned through RCBC IFL), was a foreign exchange remittance office in California. The company ceased its operations in March 2014 and was officially dissolved in May 2018.

RCBC TeleMoney Europe S.p.a., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, was established in 1995 in Rome, Italy to engage in the remittance business. The company ceased its operations in March 2016.

Merchants Savings and Loan Association, Inc. (now operating under the name & style - Rizal Microbank, a thrift bank), a 98.03% owned subsidiary, was acquired on May 15, 2008 to engage in microfinancing and development of small businesses. Rizal Microbank has 18 branches and 5 microbanking offices with operations in Southern Luzon and Mindanao. Rizal Microbank moved its Head Office (HO) and branch from Makati City to Davao City in April 2011.

RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation (formerly First Malayan Leasing and Finance Corporation) (RCBC LFC), a 99.31% owned subsidiary of the Bank acquired in March 2012, is a pioneer in the leasing and financing industry in the Philippines as the company started its

operations in 1957. RCBC LFC is a non-bank financial institution with a quasi-banking license granted by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. It serves the requirements of corporate, commercial and consumer markets through its innovative loans, leases and investment products. **RCBC Rental Corporation** is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RCBC LFC engaged in renting and leasing business machines, transport vehicles and heavy equipment under an operating lease arrangement.

Niyog Property Holdings, Inc. (NPHI), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, was incorporated on September 13, 2005 to purchase, subscribe for or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every kind and description but not as an investment company. It is 48.11% owned by the Bank and 51.89% indirectly owned through RSB.

RCBC-JPL Holding Company, Inc. (formerly Pres. Jose P. Laurel Rural Bank, Inc.) (RCBC-JPL), 99.41% owned, was renamed with a corresponding change in primary business to handle the disposition of the remaining assets of the former JPL Rural Bank. On April 1, 2012, RMB acquired selected assets and liabilities of JPL Rural Bank.

(G) Directors and Executive Officers

The directors of the Company are elected at the annual stockholders' meeting to hold office until the next succeeding annual meeting and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified. **Incumbent directors** are:

Name	Age	Position	Inclusive Dates	Citizenship
Helen Y. Dee	75	Director	March 28, 2005 to present	Filipino
		Chairperson of the Board	June 27, 2005 to present	Filipino
		Interim President and Chief Executive Officer	March 23, 2016 to June 30, 2016	
Cesar E. A. Virata	88	Director	1995 to present	Filipino
		Corporate Vice-Chairman	June 22, 2000 to present	
		Acting Chief Executive Officer	January 28, 2002 to June 29, 2003	
		Chief Executive Officer	June 30, 2003 to June 28, 2004	
Gil A. Buenaventura	66	Director	July 1, 2016 to present	Filipino
		President and Chief Executive Officer	July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019	
Tze Ching Chan	62	Director	November 28, 2011 to present	Chinese
Richard G.A. Westlake	67	Director	October 1, 2014 to present	New Zealand
John Law	68	Director	April 27, 2015 to present	French & Taiwanese (dual citizen)
Shih-Chiao (Joe) Lin	47	Director	March 25, 2019 to present	Taiwanese
Florentino M. Herrera, III	67	Director	August 30, 2016 to present	Filipino
Armando M. Medina	69	Independent Director	Feb. 26, 2003 to present	Filipino
Juan B. Santos	80	Independent Director	Effective July 1, 2016 (assumption of office is on November 2, 2016) to present	Filipino
Adelita A. Vergel De Dios	72	Independent Director	June 27, 2016 to present	Filipino

Lilia R. Bautista	83	Independent Director	July 25, 2016 to present	Filipino
Gabriel S. Claudio	64	Independent Director	July 25, 2016 to present	Filipino
Vaughn F. Montes	68	Independent Director	September 26, 2016 to present (appointed on July 25, 2016)	Filipino
Laurito E. Serrano	58	Independent Director	Effective March 20, 2019 to present	Filipino

The names, ages and positions of all **incumbent executive officers** (including those who retired/resigned after the 2018 Annual Stockholders' Meeting) are as follows:

Redentor C. Bancod, 54, Filipino, Senior Executive Vice-President, is the Head of the IT Shared Services Group. He was appointed on July 1, 2018 to a concurrent role as Head of Operations Group. He was also designated as Chief of Staff on November 2, 2017. Prior to assuming these roles, he was the Head of IT Shared Services & Operations Group and the concurrent head of Digital Banking Group. Previously, he was Vice-President & General Manager, Central Systems Asia of Sun Life Financial, Asia and Senior Vice-President and Chief Technology Officer of Sun Life Of Canada (Philippines) Inc. from October 2003 to 2007; Senior Vice-President & Chief Information Officer of Equitable Bank from July 1996 to September 2003; Assistant Vice-President and Head of Applications Development in Far East Bank from October 1993 to June 1996; Assistant Vice-President of Regional Operations (Asia Pacific) of Sequel Concepts, Inc. U.S.A./Ayala Systems Technology Inc. from November 1992 to September 1993; Project Manager in Union Bank of Switzerland, NA from April 1988 to November 1992; and Chief Designer and Technical Adviser in Computer Information System Inc. from March 1984 to April 1998. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from the University of the Philippines and is a candidate for a Master of Science degree in Information Management from the Ateneo de Manila University.

Horacio E. Cebrero III, 56, Filipino, Senior Executive Vice-President, is the Head of Treasury Group. Prior to joining RCBC in November 5, 2018, he was connected with the Philippine National Bank where he was the Treasury Head, a role which he handled since July 2010. He was previously employed by East West Banking Corporation where he worked as Treasurer from August 2006 to July 2010. He also worked in RCBC in 2004 until 2006 as Deputy Treasurer. He had stints with other firms as follows: Citibank N.A. (Manila) as Chief Dealer; Asian Bank Corporation as Vice President for Treasury Group, AB Capital and Investment House as Manager for Financial Markets; Anscor Capital and Investment House as Manager for Financial Markets, Asian Savings Bank as Manager for Trust and Investments Division; Asia Trust Development Bank as Account Officer; and at Far East Bank & Trust Company as Account Supervisor for Branch Treasury Marketing and Loans & Credit Analyst for Loans and Credit Department. He also held directorships in various firms as follows: PNB Europe as Chairman from January 2016 to present; PNB Capital and Investment Corporation as Director from July 2016 to present; PNB Forex Corporation as Director from August 2014 to 2017; and AIG Philam Savings Bank as Director from March 2009 to September 2009. He graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Marketing Management in 1983 at De La Salle University in Manila. He earned some units in Master of Business Administration at the Graduate School of Business Economics of the same university. He attended and finished Stanford Senior Executive Leadership Program (SSELP), an advance 5-part Executive Education Course Series in Stanford University at Arthur and Toni Rembe Rock Center HongKong in December 2017.

John Thomas G. Deveras, 55, Filipino, Senior Executive Vice-President, is the Head of Asset Management & Remedial Group and Strategic Initiatives. Initially, he was the Strategic Initiatives Head when he joined RCBC in 2007 but was appointed as Head of Asset Management & Remedial Group in October 2015. Prior to joining the Bank, he was an Investment Officer at International Finance Corporation. He also worked for PNB Capital and Investment Corporation as President and PNB Corporate Finance as Senior Vice-President. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree

in Management Engineering from the Ateneo de Manila University and earned his Masters in Business Administration from the University of Chicago.

Chester Y. Luy, 49, Filipino, Senior Executive Vice President, is the Head of Treasury Group. Prior to joining RCBC, he served in several leadership roles with various banks : Bank of Singapore as Managing Director / Head of Corporate Finance and Structured Transactions (January 2015 to June 2016), Julius Baer as Managing Director / Senior Advisor and Head of Investment Finance (December 2010 to November 2014), Bank of America / Merrill Lynch as Managing Director/Co-Head of Investment Team for Asia Pacific Region (June 2009 to November 2010), Barclays Capital as Managing Director / Head of High Yield Debt Capital for Asia Pacific Region (April 2002 to June 2009), HSBC Securities as Managing Director / Supervisory Analyst for Credit Risk Analysis Group (March 2001 to April 2002), JP Morgan Chase Securities as Vice President for Credit Risk Analysis Group (June 1995 to March 2001) and Merrill Lynch as Investment Management for Asia Pacific Region (June 1990 to September 1993). Mr. Luy graduated in 1990 from the University of the Philippines with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He obtained his Masters in Business Administration degree major in Finance at J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University in 1995. *(Resigned effective August 31, 2018)*

Michelangelo R. Aguilar, 62, Filipino, Executive Vice-President, is the Head of Conglomerates and Global Corporate Banking Group. He was also the Deputy Group Head of Corporate Banking from November to December 2012 and Corporate Banking Segment 1 Head from September to November 2012. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Aguilar was Managing Director of Standard Chartered Bank and Head, Origination and Client Coverage and Co-Head, Wholesale Banking (2004 to 2011) and Country Head, Global Markets (1997 to 2004). He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from De La Salle University and his Masters in Business Management from the Asian Institute of Management. He is a registered Mechanical Engineer granted by the Board of Mechanical Engineers, Professional Regulatory Commission. *(Retired effective June 15, 2018)*

Michael O. de Jesus, 59, Filipino, Executive Vice-President, is the Head of National Corporate Banking Group. He was also the Deputy Group Head of Corporate Banking from November to December 2012 and the Corporate Banking Segment 2 Head from July 2007 to November 2012. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Union College in Schenectady, New York and a Masters in Business Administration (Finance) from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Rommel S. Latinazo, 59, Filipino, Executive Vice-President, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of RCBC Savings Bank. Prior to this, he was the Head of Corporate Banking Segment 1 under the Corporate Banking Group. He joined the Bank in 2000 as First Vice-President. Previously, he held various positions in Solidbank Corporation, Standard Chartered Bank, CityTrust Banking Corporation, First Pacific Capital Corporation and Philamlife Insurance Company. Mr. Latinazo obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Management from the Ateneo de Manila University and his Masters in Business Administration from the University of the Philippines.

Richard C. Lim, 50, Filipino, Executive Vice President, is the Head of Retail Banking Group effective September 14, 2018. Prior to this, he was seconded to RCBC Savings as Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Lim previously worked with Maybank, Inc. Last position he held in the said bank was as Head of Retail Banking. He also handled the following roles in the said bank: Head of Retail Marketing Management, Assistant Vice President for Cash Management Services, Head of Consumer Sales Department, and Cluster Head for Binondo Manila area. He also had stints with other banks namely , Philam Bank -AIG where he worked as Manager for Binondo Branch , International Exchange where he functioned as Assistant Manager/ Sales Officer, Banco De Oro where he was a Marketing Officer, Urban Bank where he performed the role of a Marketing Associate, and Chinabank where he was designated as Officer's Assistant at Cash Department. He graduated from the University of Santo Tomas in 1991 with a degree in Bachelor of Science major in Biology.

Ana Luisa S. Lim, 59, Filipino, Executive Vice-President, is the Chief Compliance Officer and Head of Regulatory Affairs Group. She was formerly the Head of Operational Risk Management Group prior to assuming her current role. She was also the Head of Internal Audit Group prior to her transfer to Operational Risk Management. She is also a Director and Corporate Secretary of BEAMExchange, Inc. She joined the Bank in 2000 primarily to implement the risk-based audit approach under a shared-services set-up in conformity with the Bank's strategic risk management initiatives. Ms. Lim obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Accountancy from the University of the Philippines. She is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Information Systems Auditor and Certified Internal Auditor.

Mario T. Miranda, 60, Filipino, First Senior Vice President, is the Trust Officer / Head of Trust and Investment Group. Before joining RCBC, he was the President and CEO of BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation. Prior to this role, he handled the following in the said bank: as Trust Officer/ Head of Asset Management and Trust Group; as Head of Wealth Management, Asset Management and Trust Group, Relationship Manager/Team Leader for the Private Banking Segment in Consumer Banking Group, Marketing Head of Preferred Banking Segment in Consumer Banking Group; Head of Trust Marketing Division under Asset Management and Trust Group; as Head of AMTG Operations Division in Asset Management and Trust Group, Concurrent Head of Investment Management Division; as Concurrent Head of Investment Management Division and Retail Marketing Division. He also had previous concurrent Trust Officer functions at BPI Capital Corporation. In addition to the above, he handled the following at BPI Asset Management and Trust Corporation: as Concurrent Head of Investment Management Division and Account Management Division ; as Head of Investment and Credit Department; as Senior Manager for Research Investments and Credit Department; as Manager for Equities and Real Estate Investments Unit/ Investments Department , as Head of Investments Credit Research Trading Unit of the Ayala Insurance Companies and Ayala Related Account Department under Capital Markets Group. He started to work in this bank as a Management Trainee. He also had stints with the following : Trebel Industries , Inc as Corporate Treasurer and Comptroller; Security Pacific National Bank in Los Angeles, CA. as a Management Associate, Bancom Development Corporation (merged with Union Bank) as Credit Evaluation Analyst. He was also a Part-time faculty member of the Mathematics Department, Graduate School of the Ateneo de Manila University from 2009 to 2011. He finished his Master of Business Administration at University of California in 1983 while his degree in Bachelor of Science in Management Engineering was obtained in Ateneo De Manila University in 1980.

Edel Mary G. Vegamora, 58, Filipino, Executive Vice President, is the Chief Audit Executive and Head of the Internal Audit Group. Her banking background includes being the Chief Financial Officer and Controller of Bank of Commerce, Chief Internal Auditor/ Head of Internal Audit of BDO Unibank, Inc., Director / Head of Finance at ING Bank NV -Philippine Branch, Controller at Philippine Savings Bank, and Head of Division 1 of Audit Group in Metrobank. Among others, she was also Managing Director for Worldwide Financial Marketing Alliance; Senior Consultant/Partner at Diaz, Murillo Dalupan & Co., CPAs; Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer of Sun Life of Canada (Phils) Inc.; Director for Assurance (Banking and Insurance Business) of KPMG Laya Mananghaya & Co. CPAs; and Regional Finance Head of Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada - Asia Pacific Division (Philippine Branch). She started as Financial Auditor (Banking Clients) in Sycip Gorres Velayo & Co. Ms. Vegamora graduated from the University of the East in 1980 with a degree in BS Business Administration, major in Accounting. She completed her Masters in Business Administration (Abridged) in 1998 offered in Manila by the New York Institute of Finance. She is a Certified Public Accountant (1980) and a Certified Internal Auditor (Institute of Internal Auditors International, USA 1999). She also obtained a Certification in Risk Management Assurance given by the Internal Auditors International, USA 2012. She is a graduate of the Professional Directors Program of the Institute of Corporate Directors and a Fellow at the same institute.

Angelito M. Villanueva, 47 age, Executive Vice President, Chief Innovation and Inclusion Officer. He has over 20 years of combined experience and expertise on telecommunications, payments, money transfer, consumer banking, digital transformation, strategy, and marketing. He is an award-

winner with numerous local and global accolades on digital transformation and inclusive digital innovations. Previous positions include being Head of Customer Strategy and Market Activation with VISA, and Managing Director of FINQnologies Corp. He graduated from the University of Santo Tomas in 1992 with a degree in Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He completed his Master in National Security Administration at the National Defense College of the Philippines in 2000. He also finished his Master in Public Administration as Magna Cum Laude at the University of Santo Tomas in 2000.

Jamal Ahmad, 52, Canadian, First Senior Vice President, is the Chief Risk Officer and Head of Corporate Risk Management Services Group. He has expertise in Risk Management, Risk Governance, and Project Management, which he gained from over twenty-nine years of professional experience. His experiences include serving as Country Chief Risk Officer and Executive Director of Standard Chartered Bank, Vietnam from May 2015 to June 2017. He was also assigned in the Philippines as Country Chief Risk Officer of the same bank from February 2012 to April 2015. Mr. Ahmad also had previous stints as Head of Operational Risk and Assurance at Bank Permata Indonesia; Head of Operational Risk at Standard Chartered Philippines; Senior Manager of Beaufort Associates in Dubai, UAE; Sales and Project Manager at Datamex Technologies, Canada; Sales and Business Development Manager at Marcus Evans, Canada. He was also a Partner of Industrial Diamond Products of Pakistan, Ltd. He finished his college degrees in Political Science and Journalism in 1987 at the University of Punjab, Pakistan. He completed his Master's Degree in Business Administration at Ateneo De Manila University in 2005 and obtained his Master of Finance at the Stern School of Business, New York University and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 2012.

Marita E. Bueno, 50, Filipino-American, of First Senior Vice President, is the Head of the Data Science and Analytics Group. She has over 24 years of professional experience gained from local and multinational banks/financial institutions including: Union Bank of the Philippines where she was Data Science and Analytics Group Head; Citibank N.A. (New York, Singapore and Hong Kong) under various roles including Regional Director/Credit Products Analytics Head (Singapore), Regional Risk Management Chief of Staff (Hong Kong), and Vice President with various functions (New York); and JP Morgan Chase, New York. She has expertise in the fields of data analytics and predictive modeling, risk management, program management, credit management, credit policy development and implementation, and portfolio risk management. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. John's University in New York where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science in 1991. She finished her Master of Business Administration on Quantitative Analysis from the same university in 1994.

Simon Javier A. Calasanz, 39, Filipino, First Senior Vice President, is the President and CEO of RCBC Bankard Services Corporation. Prior to this, he worked for over 13 years at Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation where he handled the following roles : Senior Vice President and Head of Contact Center Management and Consumer Loans (February 2012 to October 2015), Senior Vice President and Head of Cards and Consumer Assets (January 2009 to January 2012), Vice President for Credit Approval Risk Management (May 2007 to January 2009), OIC for Consumer Credit and Risk (September 2008 to November 2008), Assistant Vice President for Personal Financial Services (September 2006 to April 2007), Manager for Third Party Verification Agencies and Process Management (July 2005 to September 2006), Assistant Manager for Quality Review and Systems Support (December 2004 to July 2005), Manila Credit and Risk Support Manager-Manila Project Team (August 2004 to October 2004), Assistant Manager for Management Information Systems (June 2003 to December 2004), Management Information Credit Analyst (September 2002 to June 2003) and Credit Approval Unit Credit Analyst (April 2002 to September 2002). In addition, he also performed significant roles for the Credit Card Association of the Philippines where he is currently the Special Advisor to the Board, and for the Credit Management Association of the Philippines in which the last position he assumed was as Director in 2008. Mr. Calasanz graduated from De La Salle University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce, major in Marketing Management and Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

George Gilbert G. Dela Cuesta, 50, Filipino, First Senior Vice President, is the Group Head of the Legal Affairs Group and the Bank's Corporate Secretary. He joined RCBC in November 2016 as Deputy Head for Legal and Regulatory Affairs Group. Previously, he was Head of Legal for Asian Terminals for more than seven (7) years. He previously worked also as General Counsel for Hanjin Heavy Industries & Construction Co. Ltd. and for Mirant (Phils) Corporation. He started his career at Quisumbing and Torres. Atty. dela Cuesta graduated from the University of the Philippines in 1988 with a degree in Bachelor of Arts major in Political Science. He earned his Law degree from the same university in 1992.

Elizabeth E. Coronel, 50, Filipino, First Senior Vice-President, is the Head of Conglomerates and Global Corporate Banking Group. Prior to assuming this role in June 16, 2018, she was Head of Conglomerates and Strategic Corporates Segment. She joined RCBC in June 2013 as Senior Banker and Head of Conglomerate Banking Division. Previously, she was the Senior Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer of Equicom Savings Bank, a position she held for more than five years. She also held various positions in local and foreign banks namely Mizuho Corporate Bank as Vice President and Co-Head of Corporate Finance Department (January 2007 to February 2008), Equitable PCIBank as Vice-President and Head of Corporate Banking Division 4 (1996 to 2007) and Citibank as Relationship Manager of Global Consumer Bank (1993 to 1996). She started her career in the banking industry when she joined RCBC in 1989 as Marketing Assistant for Corporate Banking. Ms. Coronel obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Science from the University of Santo Tomas and earned MBA units from the Ateneo Graduate School of Business. She also completed the Mizuho-ICS (MICS) Mini-MBA program at Hitotsubashi University Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy.

Jonathan C. Diokno, 44, Filipino, First Senior Vice President, is the Head of the Retail Banking Group. He previously worked at Banco De Oro Unibank where he handled roles as Head of BDO Remittance Origination, Head of Business Development. He also had employment with Citibank where he was Head of Sales for Cash Management under Global Relationship Banking (Multinational Accounts) and at Standard Chartered Bank where he was a Manager for Business Development. He also had a stint at Bank of the Philippine Islands where he handled various roles such as Sales Officer, Operations and Customer Service Officer, Cash Operations Unit Officer. He started his career in banking under the Junior Officer Training Program of Citytrust Banking Corporation. Mr. Diokno graduated from the University of the Philippines with a Bachelor of Science major in Business Administration in 1994. *(Resigned effective January 31, 2019)*

Gerald O. Florentino, 50, Filipino, First Senior Vice-President, is the President of RCBC Securities. He held the position of Group Head and Deputy Group Head of Corporate Planning in RCBC prior to assuming his current position. Before joining the Bank, he was Senior Vice-President for the Investment Banking Group of Investment and Capital Corporation of the Philippines. He gained his corporate planning expertise from AXA Philippines as Vice-President and Head of Strategic Planning, Project Management and Business Development and AXA Way from 2007 to 2009. He also held various positions in UCPB for seven years during which his last appointment was the Head of Cash Management Products for the Working Capital Products Group. Mr. Florentino graduated from the Loyola University of Chicago, Illinois with a degree in Bachelor of Business Administration majoring in Finance and obtained his Masters in Business Management from the Asian Institute of Management.

John P. Go, 50, Filipino, First Senior Vice-President, is the Head of Chinese Banking Segment 2. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Go was the Vice-President/Chief Finance Officer/Assistant to the Chairman of Liwayway Marketing Corporation (March 2002 to January 2008), Assistant Vice-President of UCPB (August 1996 to February 2002) and Manager/Business Development Department Head of Monte Piedad Savings Bank (January 1996 to July 1996). He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from the Philippine School of Business Administration. *(Resigned effective February 1, 2019)*

Margarita B. Lopez, 51, Filipino, First Senior Vice President, is the Head of Digital Banking Group and the concurrent Head of Operations Group. Prior to joining the Bank, she was connected with Manulife Financial as a member of the Board of Directors and Corporate Vice President/ Asia Head of Digital from October 2014 to March 2016 and the Chief Operations Officer from February 2010 to September 2014. She also held the following positions in various institutions: Chief Operations Officer / Head of Customer Services and Support at Philippine AXA Life (January 2007 to February 2010), Group Head/First Vice President of Electronic Banking Services at Philippine National Bank (January 2005 to December 2006) and Division Head/Vice President of Transactional Banking at United Coconut Planters Bank (1996 to 2004). She also held consultancy roles from 1988 to 1996 and was the Analyst Programmer for Infolink assigned at CityTrust from 1987 to 1988. Ms. Lopez started her career as Lecturer at the University of the Philippines in 1995. She obtained her Bachelor of Computer Science and Masters in Technology Management, Business and Industry in the same university.

Florentino M. Madonza, 48, Filipino, First Senior Vice-President, is the Group Head of Controllership effective October 14, 2014. He was the Deputy Group Head of Controllership from August 2014 to October 2014, General Accounting and Services Division Head from July 2004 to July 2014, General Accounting Department Head from September 2001 to July 2004, Assistant to the Department Head of General Accounting from January 1998 to September 2001, Asset Management and Sundry Section Head from September 1997 to December 1997 and Corporate Disbursement and Payroll Section Head from June 1996 to September 1997. Prior to joining the Bank, he worked for Sycip, Gorres, Velayo and Co. from July 1993 to May 1996 as Auditor. Mr. Madonza completed his Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Accounting (Cum Laude) from the Araullo University, and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Remedios M. Maranan, 58, Filipino, First Senior Vice-President, is the Special Assistant to the Retail Banking Group Head for Business Controls. Prior to assuming this role, she was the National Service Head of Retail Banking Group. Ms. Maranan started as a BOTP Trainee in 1989 after which she assumed various positions in branch operations. Her noteworthy stints include being the Regional Operations Head for Metro Manila in December 1998 to April 2004, BC Services Division Head in May 2004 to May 2008 and Regional Service Head for Metro Manila in June 2008 to February 2010 and Deputy Group Head of BC Services from March 2010 to September 2013. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce majoring in Accounting from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

Yasuhiro Matsumoto, 59, Japanese, First Senior Vice-President, is the Head of Global and Ecozone Segment and concurrently, Head of the Japanese Business Relationship Office. Prior to this, he worked for The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. since 1984, when the bank was named The Sanwa Bank, Ltd. He has also previously served as a director of the Bank. He obtained his Bachelor of Economics degree from Waseda University, Japan.

Emmanuel T. Narciso, 57, Filipino, First Senior Vice President, is the Group Head of Global Transaction Banking. Prior to joining RCBC, he was the Group Head of Transaction Banking in Banco de Oro Unibank, Inc. from June 2011 to August 2015. He was also previously connected with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, where he handled the following roles: Head of Business Banking Division (Philippines), Head of Payments and Cash Management for Vietnam and Philippines. He also worked for Security Bank Corporation as Head of Corporate Transaction Banking Division and Citibank N.A. where his last appointment was as Business Development Head for Global Transaction Services. Mr. Narciso started his career in the banking industry when he was hired by the Bank of the Philippine Islands as an Analyst/Programmer in 1984. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1984 and finished his Master in Business Management from the Asian Institute of Management in 1989.

Reynaldo P. Orsolino, 58, Filipino, First Senior Vice-President, is the Segment Head of Emerging Corporates. He was also the Head of Commercial & Medium Enterprises Division before assuming his current position. Prior to joining the Bank, he served as Senior Vice-President of Philippine

National Bank from June 2003 to July 2007, and previously held senior positions at the Planters Development Bank, Asian Banking Corporation, and the Land Bank of the Philippines. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of the Philippines.

Alberto N. Pedrosa, 49, Filipino, First Senior Vice-President, is the Assets & Liability Management Group Head of the Treasury Group. Prior to assuming this role, he was the Head of Investment and Markets Trading and Balance Sheet Management Group. Before that he was the Head of Investment and Markets Trading Segment. He was also the Investment Portfolio Management Division Head from August 2009 to June 2015. Prior to joining the Bank, he was the Chief Trader for Uniworks, Inc. (April 2009 to July 2009), Vice-President and Head of Global Liquid Products Trading for JG Summit Capital Markets (2000 to 2008), Assistant Vice-President of Asset, Liquidity Management and Investment Trading for PCIBank (1995 to 2000) and Senior Assistant Manager and Junior FX Trader for the Bank of the Philippine Islands (1993 to 1995). Mr. Pedrosa started his career when he joined BPI's Officer Training Program in 1993. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce majoring in Philosophy at the London School of Economics.

Joseph Colin B. Rodriguez, 51, Filipino, First Senior Vice President, is the President and CEO of RCBC Forex Brokers Corporation. Prior to this appointment, he was the Treasurer of RCBC Savings Bank in September 2016 to and before this secondment, he was the President and Chief Executive Officer of RCBC Forex Brokers Corporation from April 2015 to August 2016 and Senior Vice President and Treasurer of RCBC Savings Bank from August 2011 to March 2015. He also assumed various positions in Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation as Head of the FX Risk Division and Head of Institutional Relationship Management Division. Before joining RCBC, he spent over two decades at the Treasury division of several foreign /local banks. He was Vice President and Head of the Foreign Exchange and Swap Desk at ING Bank Manila. He was also a Dealer at the Manila office of Banque Indosuez and Assistant Dealer at the Riyadh office of Banque Al Hollandi (ABN AMRO Bank). He also headed the FX and Swaps division of Bank of the Philippine Islands. He graduated from De La Salle University with a double degree in Liberal Arts & Commerce, Major in Marketing and in Political Science.

Bennett Clarence D. Santiago, 49, Filipino, First Senior Vice President, is the Head of the Credit Management Group. Prior to joining RCBC, he was the Business Head for Small Business Loans in the Consumer Lending Group of Banco De Oro Unibank. His experiences in this bank include serving as Head, Business Development, Commercial Banking, Institutional Banking Group and Head, Credit Risk Control, Commercial Banking. He had previous stints with other banks in various roles such as Commercial Bank Risk Head of Citibank, N.A.; Chief Compliance Officer of Unionbank, Strategic MIS Officer, Unionbank and Loans Product Manager, Unionbank; Risk Management Center Head and Credit Risk Officer, International Exchange Bank. He started his banking career at Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation as Assistant Account Manager, Garments Division. He handled other roles thereafter in the said bank as follows: OIC, General Trading and Manufacturing Division, Business Development Officer, Assistant Manager, Financial Institutions, Remedial Management, and Relationship Manager, Financial Institutions. He also had experiences from other industries such as Globe Telecom Inc. where he worked as Senior Manager for Insurance and Manager for Asset Liability and Dasmariñas Garments Corporation as Executive Assistant. He graduated from the University of the Philippines in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He finished his Master in Business Administration in 2001 from Ateneo de Manila Business School.

Rowena F. Subido, 52, Filipino, First Senior Vice-President, is the Group Head of Human Resources. She was also the Deputy Group Head of Human Resources before assuming her current position. Prior to joining the Bank, she worked with Citibank, N.A. as Country Lead Human Resources Generalist/Senior Vice-President, prior to which she was Head of Human Resources for the Institutional Clients Group for almost two years. She has also worked with Citifinancial Corporation, the Consumer Finance Division of Citigroup, as Human Resources Head for four years. She also has HR experience in retail, distribution and manufacturing industries, having worked for California Clothing Inc. where she was Human Resources Head, International Marketing

Corporation as Division Manager for Human Resources & Operations, Tricom Systems (Philippines), Inc. as Personnel and Administration Officer and Seamark Enterprises, Inc. as a Personnel Officer. Ms. Subido obtained her Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Psychology from the University of Santo Tomas and her Masters in Psychology majoring in Organisational/Industrial Psychology at De La Salle University.

Ma. Christina P. Alvarez, 48, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Head of Corporate Planning Group. Prior to assuming this position, she was the OIC of Corporate Planning Group from October to December 2014 and the Financial Planning and Development Division Head from August 2006 to September 2014. She worked with various institutions in the following capacities: Financial Planning Officer at Banco de Oro from July 2005 to July 2006, Corporate Planning Officer at RCBC from 1999 to 2005, Risk Management and Planning Officer of Malayan Bank from 1998 to 1999, Research Officer of Unicapital, Inc. from 1995 to 1996 and Credit/Financial Analyst of Multinational Investment Corporation from 1991 to 1995. Ms. Alvarez graduated from Ateneo de Manila University in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management Economics. She earned her Masters in Business Management degree from the Asian Institute of Management in 1998.

Lalaine I. Bilaos, 50, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Head of the Local Corporate Banking Segment – Division II. Prior to occupying the position of Division Head on April 2011, she was holding the position of a Relationship Manager. She joined the bank in June 1992 as a Secretary for Corporate Planning. Six months thereafter, she moved to Credit Operations Department to handle a Credit Analyst role. By January 1994, she joined Corporate Banking Group and was assigned under Project Finance as a Project Analyst. She also had other roles in the said team as Marketing Assistant and Jr. Project Account Officer. She became an Account Officer in 2000 at the Corporate Division 1 of Corporate Banking Group in Ortigas. Before joining RCBC, she had stints with Dynamic Union of Consultants and Managers, Inc and American Home Assurance Co. as Credit and Collection Assistant and Billing Assistant respectively. She graduated from De La Salle University in Manila in 1989 with a degree in Bachelor of Arts major in Economics.

Ma. Carmela S. Bolisay, 50, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Head of Management Services Division in Operations Group. Prior to being employed at RCBC, she was last employed from June 2016 to February 2017 as the Chief of Staff for the Chairman (Vice President on consultant status) of W Hydrocolloids Inc. of W Group. She also previously worked with the following firms and banks: Standard Chartered Bank where she handled roles such as Business Planning Manager/VP for the CEO, Country Manager for Service Excellence/VP, Business Project Director/VP, and Vice President for Product and Process Management in Cards & Personal Loans Service Quality.; Security International Card Corporation as First Vice President for Consumer Services Group, Credit Risk Management Division, Member Services Division, Member Services and Collections Division, Mastercard Task Force Head, and Vice President/Assistant Vice President for Clubmember Services Division, Equitable Cardnetwork, Inc. as Senior Manager for Customer Service; Assistant Manager for Collections and Junior Collections Assistant. She graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Arts major in Psychology, minor in Education at the University of the Philippines in 1990. She took up Basic Management Program at Asian Institute of Management (AIM) in 1992.

Jose Maria P. Borromeo, 52, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Head of the Reserves & Liquidity Management Segment of the Treasury Group. Prior to this, he was the Head of Balance Sheet Management Segment. He was previously employed at Standard Chartered Bank as Head of Asset and Liability Management, Financial Markets Group. He had a stint with the Bank of the Philippine Islands where he had the following roles: Head of FX Swaps and Domestic Liquidity Department; Head of Product Development and Financial Markets Research Department; Head of Risk Management Department in Treasury Group, and Dealer for Financial Derivatives Division. He also had previous experience with Citytrust Banking Corporation where he worked as Head of Balance Sheet Management Unit. He started as a Management Associate Trainee in the said bank. Early in his professional career, he was connected with the Private Development Corporation of the Philippines as an Account Officer for Project Loans and as an Associate Economist for

Economic and Corporate Research. He earned his undergraduate degree, Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of the Philippines in 1988. He took up Masters in Business Administration in 1993 in the same university.

Enrique C. Buenaflor, 48, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Head of Corporate Cash Management Segment. He joined RCBC in 2010 as Business Development Manager of Global Transaction Banking Group and was later appointed as Head of Business Development Division in 2011. Prior to joining RCBC, he was the Group Head/Vice-President of Structure Products for Philippine Bank of Communications (August 2005 to March 2010), Operations Head of Central Verification Unit for Citifinancial Corporation (July 2004 to July 2005), Sales Head/Assistant Vice-President of Corporate Cash Management Services (2001 to 2004) and Product Manager (1999 to 2001) for ABN AMRO Bank. He also worked for Philippine Global Communications Corporation as Senior Manager for Corporate Planning (July 1999 to November 1999) and Capitol Wireless, Inc as Business Development Director/Marketing and Sales Manager (March 1997 to May 1999). He started his career in Citibank N.A. as Operations Staff in 1992 and then as Management Associate in 1996. Mr. Buenaflor earned his undergraduate degree, Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Ateneo de Manila University and finished his Masters in Business Management at Asian Institute of Management.

Karen K. Canlas, 44, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Division 2 Head of Wealth Management Segment 2. She was the OIC of Division 1 from February to August 2011 and the Senior Relationship Manager of the same division from February 2010 to February 2011. Prior to joining RCBC, she was the Corporate Sales Unit Head/Vice President of Export Bank from August 2005 to January 2010, Relationship Manager/Senior Manager of Equitable PCI Bank from February 2003 to August 2005, Branch Head (Main Office) of Bank of Commerce from May 2002 to January 2003, Manager (Relationship Banking Group) of Export and Industry Bank from September 2001 to May 2002 and Branch Head of Global Business Bank from September 2000 to September 2001. She also held various positions at Urban Bank for almost 6 years in which her last appointment was as Manager of Alabang Regional Office, Business Development Group. Ms. Canlas started her career as Technical Staff at the National Economic Development Authority in March 1994. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts major in Economics minor in Political Science degree from De La Salle University in 1994.

Brigitte B. Capina, 58, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Regional Sales Director of South Metro Manila. Prior to occupying this position, she was the Marketing and Sales Director of Makati Central Business District in 2013, the Regional Sales Manager of South Metro Manila in 2012, Regional Sales Manager of Corporate Headquarters in 2009 and Business Manager for various branches such as RCBC Plaza in 2005, Buendia in 2004 and Makati Avenue in 2003. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce majoring in Accounting from the University of San Agustin, Iloilo City and her Masters in Business Management from the University of the Philippines, Visayas.

Arsenio L. Chua, 58, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Regional Sales Director of North Metro Manila. Prior to occupying this position, he was the Marketing and Sales Director of Ortigas Central Business District in 2013, Regional Sales Manager of North Metro Manila in 2012, Regional Sales Manager of Central Metro Manila in 2010, District Sales Manager of Southern Metro Manila in 2009 and Business Manager of Caloocan Branch in 2007. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Industrial Engineering from the Mapua Institute of Technology (*resigned in 2019*)

Claro Patricio L. Contreras, 58, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Head of Remedial Management Division. Prior to joining RCBC, he was the AVP for Special Accounts Management Services Group at BPI (April 2000 to June 2000), AVP for Credit Mgmt. Services Group at FEBTC (January 1997 to March 2000), and Manager for Credit Management Services Group at FEBTC (October 1995 to December 1996). He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce majoring in Business Management from San Beda College.

Isagani A. Cortez, 51, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Deputy Group Head of Regulatory Affairs Group. Before joining RCBC, he was connected with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Philippines where he was designated as Country Head of Financial Crime Compliance. He also previously handled the following roles: as Country Head for Regulatory Compliance and Financial Crime and as Senior Vice President for Legal and Compliance in the same bank. His stint in the banking industry includes his employment with Eastwest Bank where he was a Chief Compliance Officer and with ABN AMRO Savings Bank/ Great Pacific Savings Bank/BA Savings Bank where he was an Assistant Vice President for Legal and Remedial Management. He also had non-banking exposures as Associate Balgos and Perez Law Office and as an Executive Assistant for the Chairman of the Commission on Elections. He obtained Bachelor of Laws (LLB) at University of the Philippines in 1991. He took up his pre-law course, AB English at the University of the East where he graduated in 1987. *(Resigned effective April 1, 2019)*

Antonio Manuel E. Cruz, Jr., 51, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the OIC for Chinese Banking Segment 1. Prior to being designated to this role, he was the Division 1 Head for Emerging Corporates Segment. He joined the Bank in 2008 and assumed the following positions for Commercial & Small Medium Enterprises under National Corporate Banking: Metro Manila-Luzon Head from December 2012 to September 2013, Makati Lending Center Head from September 2009 to December 2012 and Metro Manila Lending Center Head from January 2008 to September 2009. Before joining RCBC, he was the Ortigas Lending Center Head for Philippine National Bank from December 2005 to December 2007 and the Relationship Manager for Asia United Bank from September 2000 to November 2005. He started his banking career at Solidbank Corporation where he assumed the following positions: Relationship Manager from January 1994 to August 2000, Management Trainee from July 1993 to December 1993, Senior Analyst from January 1993 to June 1993 and Junior Analyst from July 1990 to December 1992. Mr. Cruz obtained his degree in AB Economics from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1990.

Edwin R. Ermita, 56, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Bank Security Officer. He was also the Corporate Services Division Head prior to assuming his current position. Previously, Mr. Ermita worked for CTK Incorporated as Consultant, Solidbank as Security and Safety Department Head and UCPB as Security and Safety Department Head. He started his career in UCPB as Teller in 1983 before moving to Branch Marketing in 1985. Mr. Ermita earned his Bachelor of Science in Management from Ateneo de Manila University. He finished his Masters in Business Administration with specialization in Industrial Security Management from the Philippine Women's University.

Benjamin E. Estacio, 48, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Regional Service Head of Mindanao. Prior to assuming this position, he was the District Service Head of Southern Mindanao from May 2004 to March 2011. Mr. Estacio started his career with the Bank as SA Bookkeeper in February 1992 after which he assumed various positions in the branch. He graduated from the University of San Carlos, Cebu City with a Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Accounting in 1991.

Erico C. Indita, 50, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the National Sales Director/ Segment Head of Retail Banking Sales. Mr. Indita was hired as Domestic Remittance Clerk in 1993 after which he assumed various positions in Retail Banking. His noteworthy stints includes being the Regional Sales Director of Central Metro Manila (January 2015 to November 2016), District Sales Director of Makati Central Business District (January 2014 to December 2014), Marketing and Sales Director of Chinese Uptown (February 2013 to December 2013), District Sales Manager of Makati Central Business District (January 2011 to February 2013) and Business Manager of Makati Avenue (November 2004 to December 2010). He graduated from San Beda College with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Management in 1989 and finished his Masters in Business Administration at the Ateneo de Manila in 2007.

Jonathan Edwin F. Lumain, 57, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Bank's Chief Technology Officer. Mr. Lumain joined the Bank in 2001 and held the following IT-related positions: IT Head for Shared Technology Services (January 2008 to May 2016), Application Systems Department

Head (August 2003 to December 2007) and Information Management Head (August 2001 to August 2003). Prior to joining RCBC, he was the Department Head of Branch Systems for BPI (November 1999 to July 2001), Department Head of Trust Banking Systems Development for Far East Bank and Trust Company (August 1993 to October 1999), Project Manager for Philippine Commercial International Bank Automation Center (November 1990 to July 1993) and Systems Analyst for Al Ajlani Ent., KSA (May 1985 to October 1990). He started his career in IT when he joined Andres Soriano Corporation as Programmer Trainee in December 1981. Mr. Lumain earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from the University of the Philippines in 1981. He obtained his Master of Science in Computer Science from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1997.

Jane N. Mañago, 54, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Group Head of Wealth Management. Prior to this appointment, she was the OIC of Wealth Management Group from December 2015 to January 2016, Segment Head of Wealth Management 1 from September 2014 to November 2015, Division 2 Head of Wealth Management from December 2006 to August 2014 and Relationship Manager for Division 2 from April 2006 to December 2006. She also worked for YGC Corporate Services Inc. as Officer-In-Charge and Marketing Head. Prior to joining the Bank, she worked with Citibank as Cash Product Manager for Global Transaction Services (September 1998 to January 1999), Account Manager (April to August 1998) and Head of Corporate Banking for Chinatown Branch (November 1996 to March 1998) and at Equitable Banking Corporation from May 1986 to October 1996, where her last appointment was the Head of the Research and Special Projects Unit. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce degree majoring in Business Administration and her Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Behavioural Science from the University of Santo Tomas.

Jose Jayson L. Mendoza, 47, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Provincial Division Head for Commercial and SME Banking Segment. He joined the Bank in 2008 as Lending Center Head for Small & Medium Enterprises Division-Luzon. Previously, he worked with MayBank Philippines as Head of Retail Loans Management (January 2005 to August 2008), Philippine National Bank as Account Officer (January 2003 to December 2004), Philippine Savings Bank as Account Officer (August 1996 to December 2002) and Islacom as Senior Credit Investigator (May 1994 to July 1996). He started his banking career when he joined Allied Banking Corp. as Credit Investigator in 1993. Mr. Mendoza graduated in 1993 from De La Salle University with a degree of AB Management.

Gerardo G. Miral, 53, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Head of Consumer Lending Group of RCBC Savings Bank. Prior to his secondment to RCBC Savings Bank, he was the Division II Head of Global and Ecozone Segment from April 2011 to January 2016 and Relationship Manager for JES Division II from February 2002 to April 2011. He also assumed various positions in the branch from September 1987 to February 2002. Mr. Miral obtained his Bachelor of Arts major in Economics degree from the University of Sto. Tomas in 1986.

Ma. Cecilia F. Natividad, 44, Senior Vice President, is the Head of the Marketing Group. Before joining RCBC, she served as Head of Marketing at Western Union Financial Services, Inc. She previously worked with other firms like Nestle Philippines Incorporated as Consumer Marketing Manager and at Ayala Life Assurance Incorporated as Sales Trainor, and at Amon Trading as Management Trainee. She graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management major in Legal Management.

Evelyn Nolasco, 57, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Head of the Asset Disposition Division. Before she joined the Bank, she was the Senior Vice-President and Treasury Head of the ASB Group of Companies in 1995 and Manager for Corporate Finance for SGV & Company from 1994 to 1995. She graduated from De La Salle University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce majoring in International Marketing and obtained her Master's degree in Business Management from the Asian Institute of Management.

Loida C. Papilla, 57, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Asset Management Support Division Head. She joined RCBC in 2006 as Operations Support Division Head. She worked for various institutions in the following capacities : Assistant Vice-President / Head of Billing and Collections Section in PNB (April 2004 to February 2006), Assistant Vice-President/OIC in UCPB Securities Inc. (August 1999 to January 2004), Operations Finance Manager in Guoco Securities Inc. (January 1994 to August 1999), Media Consultant in the Office of the Senate President (October 1992 to December 1993), Research Director in Philippine Newsday (June 1989 to June 1992), Research Head in Business Star (June 1987 to June 1989) and Researcher in Business Day Corp. (November 1981 to June 1987). Ms. Papilla graduated from the University of the East in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Accounting. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Arsilito A. Pejo, 56, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Regional Sales Director of Visayas Region. Prior to this, he was the Regional Sales Director of Eastern Visayas. Mr. Pejo joined RCBC in 1982. His noteworthy stints include being the Regional Service Head of Visayas from June 2008 to December 2014 and Area Service Head of Visayas from May 2004 to May 2008, Regional Operations Head from October 2002 to April 2004 and Cebu Operations Center Head from June 1998 to September 2002. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce major in Accounting from Colegio de San Jose – Recoletos in 1982.

Honorata V. Po, 58, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Regional Sales Director for the South Luzon Regional Office. Prior to assuming the role of Regional Sales Director in 2016, she was a District Sales Director and a District Sales Manager for Southeast Luzon District from 2014 to 2016 and 2008 to 2013 respectively. In between these roles, she was designated as Financial Center Head based in Lucena in 2013. She joined the bank in 1994 as Business Center Manager, a position which she held until 2008. Before she joined RCBC, she was connected with Philippine National Bank from 1983 to 1993. She handled various roles in the said bank which include the following - Audit Clerk, Statistician, Audit Examiner, Accountant, Cashier and Branch Manager. Her first banking experience was gained from Far East Bank where she worked as a Teller from 1980 to 1982. Outside the banking industry, she had engagements in other institutions as follows: as Regional Governor for the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2009 to 2010), as President of Quezon - Lucena Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2007 to 2008) and as a Director/Minor stockholder of Moldedcraft Consulting Corporation. She obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Accounting at the University of the East in 1980.

Nancy J. Quiogue, 50, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Regional Service Head of North Metro Manila. Prior to assuming her current position, she was the Regional Service Head for North Metro Manila and Central Metro Manila. She was the Regional Service Head for Metro Manila from April 2010 to December 2014 and District Service Head for Metro Manila from May 2004 to April 2010. She also held various positions at the Bank since 1991. Ms. Quiogue graduated from the Philippine School of Business Administration with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration majoring in Accounting.

Elsie S. Ramos, 53, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Legal Affairs Division Head. She joined the Bank in 2006 and assumed the position of Litigation Department Head. Prior to joining RCBC, she was the Corporate Lawyer and Head of Legal and Corporate Affairs Division for Empire East/Land Holdings (2004 to 2006), Senior Associate and Lawyer-In-Charge of the Docket/Records Section for Ponce Enrile Reyes and Manalastas (2003 to 2004), Senior Associate for Martinez and Mendoza (2001 to 2002), Senior/Junior Associate for Ponce Enrile Reyes and Manalastas (1996 to 2000) and Legal Consultant for Companero Y Companera (1997 to 1998). She held various positions in the University of the Philippines, Department of History such as Assistant Professor (1994 to 1998), Assistant to the Chairman (1992 to 1993) and Instructor (1988 to 1994). She was also a Part-Time Instructor at the St. Scholastica's College, Manila from 1987 to 1989. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree in History from the University of the Philippines, Diliman. She also finished her Bachelor of Law in the same university.

Arlon B. Reyes, 44, Filipino, Senior Vice President, was the Head of Local Corporates Segment in National Corporate Banking Group. He has twenty three (23) years of professional experience gained from financial institutions with extensive experience in banking coverage and origination and proficiency in the following areas: global capital financing, financial crime risk management, mergers and acquisitions, loan syndication, structured finance, derivatives and treasury products, trade finance, credit and lending and traditional commercial banking products. Prior to joining RCBC, he was previously connected with Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited where he handled Relationship Manager roles for Global Banking Markets and Multinational and Large Corporates in the Corporate Banking Group. He had a previous stint with Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company where he worked for more than nine (9) years handling business development and relationship management roles. Last position he held in this bank was as Head of China and Foreign Branches in Business Development. He also worked at Philsdaq as Manager and at the Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc. as Senior Business Development Specialist. He started his banking career as a Marketing Associate for Branch Banking Group in Urban Bank, Inc. He graduated from University of the Philippines, Diliman, and Quezon City in 1994 with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Economics. He finished his Master of Business Administration in the same university in April 2001. *(Resigned effective September 1, 2018)*

Ismael S. Reyes, 52, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Head of Retail Banking Marketing Segment. He was formerly the National Sales Director when he joined the Bank in 2013. Prior to joining RCBC, he assumed various positions in Philippine Savings Bank as First Vice-President/Head of the Loans Operations Group (October 2012 to October 2013), First Vice President/Branch Banking Group Head (January 2011 to October 2012), Vice-President/Deputy Branch Banking Group Head (June 2010 to December 2010) and Vice- President/ Business Development Unit Head (October 2008 to May 2010). He worked for iRemit Inc where he handled roles such as Division Head for Market Management (January 2004 to September 2008) and Deputy Head for the Global Sales and Marketing Division (August 2001 to December 2003). He also worked with Bank of the Philippine Islands where he was assigned as Operations Manager /Section Head for Funds Transfer Department from 1999 to 2001. His banking career started in Far East Bank in 1987 when he was hired as Staff for International Operations Division. By 1990 he was promoted to a supervisory rank in the same division and as an officer in 1993. He held the position of Department Head in International Operations in 1995 and became a Project Officer for the Remittance Center in 1996. Mr. Reyes earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce major in Economics at the University of Santo Tomas.

Steven Michael T. Reyes, 47, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Head of the Treasury Sales Segment. Prior to this, he was the Head of the Commercial Trading and Sales Segment. Previously, he was First Vice President of Global Markets for Australian & New Zealand Banking Group (March 2009 to January 2014), Vice President / Head of Capital Markets for Banco De Oro (October 2006 to March 2009), Assistant Vice President /Debt and Interest Rate Trader for Citibank, Singapore (January 2006 to October 2006) and Assistant Vice President/Bonds Trader for Citibank, Manila (January 2002 to December 2005). He also worked for Equitable PCIBank from July 1999 to December 2001 and PCIBank from May 1996 to July 1999 and held the following positions: Senior Manager/Head of Capital Markets Desk (July 2000 to December 2001), Manager /Global Fixed Income Proprietary Trader (July 1999 to July 2000), Assistant Manager / Fixed Income Proprietary Bond Trader (July 1997 to July 1999) and Proprietary Bond Trader (May 1996 to July 1997). Mr. Reyes started his banking career when he joined Bank of the Philippine Islands in 1993 as Position Analyst. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management at the University of the Philippines in 1993.

Ma. Rosanna M. Rodrigo, 57, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Regional Sales Director of North Luzon Region. Ms. Rodrigo joined the Bank in 1992 and assumed the following positions: Marketing and Sales Director of North West Luzon (February 2013 to September 2013), District Sales Manager of North Central Luzon (November 2009 to February 2013), Branch Manager of Tarlac (February 2005 to November 2009), Branch Manager of Hacienda Luisita (July 1997 to January 2005) and Senior Personal Banker of Tarlac (November 1992 to June 1997). She also

worked for Producers Bank of the Philippines as Cashier of Tarlac Branch (April 1983 to October 1992), Far East Bank and Trust Co. as New Accounts Clerk of Tarlac Branch (March 1982 to March 1983) and as contractual employee for New Accounts of Tarlac Branch (December 1981 to February 1982). Ms. Rodrigo obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication major in Broadcasting from the University of the Philippines in 1981.

Raoul V. Santos, 52, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Investment Services Division Head. He joined RCBC in 2001 as Portfolio Management Section Head before assuming the Investment Services Department Head position in 2008. He also worked for Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company (2000 to 2001), Solidbank Corporation (1999 to 2000), Phinma, Inc. (1991 to 1999) and SGV & Co. (1990 to 1991). Mr. Santos obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Management of Financial Institutions and Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian Studies from the De La Salle University.

Libertine R. Selirio, 53, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Division I Head of Global and Ecozone Segment. Prior to this, she was the Deputy Division Head of JES II from June 2011 to October 2012, Relationship Manager of JES Division II from February 2002 to May 2011, Branch Manager of Dasmariñas from September 2000 to February 2002, Branch Manager of Carmona from July 1998 to September 2000 and Branch Manager of Imus from September 1997 to July 1998. Before joining RCBC, she worked for Pilipinas Bank and assumed the following positions: Account Officer (1993 – 1997), Financial Analysis and Evaluation Section Head (1991 – 1993), Credit Analyst (1989 – 1991) and EDP Teller (1987 – 1989). Ms. Selirio earned her Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Accounting from St. Scholastica's College in 1986.

Johan C. So, 48, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Head of Division 1 in Local Corporate Banking Segment. Prior to assuming current position, he was the Head of Kaloocan Division from July 2013 to January 2014 and Head of Chinese Banking Division III from June 2008 to June 2013. From August 2005 to May 2008, he worked for Philippine Bank of Communications in which the last position he assumed was as Vice-President/Unit Head of Corporate Banking Group 5. He also worked for Standard Chartered Bank from May 1999 to May 2002, T.A. Bank of the Philippines, Inc. from February 1997 to May 1999 and China Banking Corporation from 1993 to 1997. Mr. So graduated from De La Salle University in 1992 with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Applied Economics and Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Marketing Management. He obtained his Masters degree in Business Administration from the Ateneo Graduate School of Business in 1999.

Elvira D. Soriano, 52, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Segment Head of Head Office Audit in Internal Audit Group. Prior to assuming this role in September 2017, she was an Audit Cluster Head since January 2008. She previously worked with other banks namely: United Coconut Planters Bank where she performed roles in Audit and Credit Review; PDCP Bank where she was assigned with roles such as Account Officer, Project Analyst, Accountant and Audit Assistant. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce at the University of Bohol in 1986.

Cecilia E. Tabuena, 51, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Head of Local Corporate Banking Segment. She was previously connected with CTBC Bank (Philippines) Corporation as Officer-in-Charge /Senior Vice President of the Institutional Banking Group. Prior to assuming this role, she was Deputy Head of Origination & Structuring of the same group. She previously worked in other banks in various roles as follows: Security Bank Corporation as Head of Fixed Income; Citigroup Philippines as Head of Debt Capital Markets and Senior Transactor; Citicorp Securities International R.P. Inc as Equities Research Analyst; The Long Term Credit Bank of Japan, Los Angeles California Agency as Associate for Corporate Finance; and All Asia Capital and Trust Company as Money Market Trader. She obtained her Masters in Business Administration degree in Finance at Peter F. Drucker Graduate School of Management at Claremont Graduate University (California, USA) in 1994. Her undergraduate degrees were Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Marketing Management and Bachelor of Arts major in Psychology which she both finished at De La Salle University in 1990.

Ma. Angela V. Tinio, 55, Filipino, Senior Vice-President, is the Head of Commercial and Small Medium Enterprises Banking Segment. She has been with the Bank since 2000, holding various positions in Corporate Banking such as VisMin Lending Region Head (December 2010 to June 2013), Metro Manila-Luzon Region Head (April 2006 to November 2010) and Account Management Department Head (July 2000 to April 2006). She worked with Bank of the Philippine Islands as Special Business Unit/Corporate Banking II Manager and Market Head in April 2000. She also held various positions in Far East Bank and Trust Company from June 1997 to April 2000, PDB Leasing and Finance Corporation from February 1996 to April 1997 and Traders Royal Bank from January 1985 to January 1996. Ms. Tinio obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of the Philippines and her Master's degree in Business Administration from the De La Salle University.

Gianni Franco D. Tirado, 46, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Regional Sales Director of Mindanao Region. Prior to assuming his current role, he was the Marketing and Sales Director of Central Mindanao (February 2013 to September 2013), District Sales Manager of Central Mindanao (March 2009 to February 2013) and Branch Manager for several branches in Mindanao (November 2000 to February 2009). He also assumed the Branch Operations Head of Marbel (February 1998 to October 2000), CI/Appraiser/Loans Clerk (June 1996 to January 1998) and CASA Bookkeeper of Dadiangas (October 1993 to May 1996). Mr. Tirado earned his Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Accounting degree from the Notre Dame of Dadiangas University in 1993. He also completed his Masters in Education major in Special Education at the Holy Cross of Davao College in 2009.

Juan Gabriel R. Tomas IV, 47 Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Head of the Customer Service Support Segment in, Operations Group. His experiences include serving as Head of Capital Markets and Custody, Operations Group, Citibank N. A., Head of Treasury Services Unit, Citibank N. A., Production Officer for Treasury Services Unit, Citibank, Consultant for Controllers' Department, Deutsche Bank AG Manila, and Consultant, for Process Competency Group at Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting). Mr. Tomas graduated from Ateneo de Manila University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management. He completed his Masters in Business Management major in Finance in 2001 at the Asian Institute of Management.

Raul Martin J. Uson, 56, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Segment Head for Branch Services Support Segment. Prior to joining RCBC, he was previously connected with PBCom as Business Centre Operations and Oversight Head. He also assumed the following roles at Citibank N.A. prior to joining PBCom in 2012 : Operations and Services Head (2007 to 2012), Deputy Senior Country Operations Officer for Citi Indonesia (2006), Credit Operations and Transaction Services Head for Citigroup Business Process Solutions (2004 to 2006), Transaction Services Head (2001 to 2004), Internal Control Head (1999 to 2001), Infrastructure Head (1998 to 2001), Quality Assurance Head (1996 to 1998), Expense Processing Department Head (1993 to 1995), Quality Assurance Officer (1991 to 1993), Trade and Reconciliation Unit Head (1988 to 1991), Cash Officer for Greenhills Branch (1985 to 1988) and Teller for Makati Branch (1984 to 1985). Mr. Uson graduated from the University of the Philippines Baguio with a degree in AB Economics and Psychology in 1983.

Emmanuel Mari K. Valdes, 45. Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Head of Deposit, Product and Promotions Division in Retail Banking Group. Prior to assuming this role, he was the Head of Retail Financial Products Division with the rank of First Vice President. From October 2013 to June 2017. He joined the RCBC in 2010 as Head of Cash Management Services Department and was assigned in 2013 as Financial Center Head under Retail Banking Group. He started his banking career in January 1996 when he joined CityTrust Banking Corporation as a Sales Officer in Retail Banking Branch. He then transferred to Bank of Southeast Asia in 1997 where he handled the same role. He had previous stints thereafter with other banks such as UnionBank of the Philippines where he was Head of Sales Department for Cash Management Services and Standard Chartered where he was a Sales Head also. He graduated from De La Salle University in 1995 with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Business Management.

Teodoro Eric D. Valena, Jr., 60, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the IT Head for Information Management Services. Prior to assuming this role, he was designated as the Applications Architect of IT Shared Services Group. Previously, he was the Retail E-Channels Division Head from January 2015 to September 2015, Finacle Division Head from January 2008 to December 2014, Applications Development & Management Division Head from September 2006 to December 2007 and the Application System Services Department Head from April 2001 to September 2006. Prior to joining the Bank, he held various IT-related positions in several institutions such as Citibank (January 1987 to March 2001), MANCOMTECH (July 1986 to November 1986), Revenue Information Systems Services Inc. (October 1983 to May 1986), Trans-Union Corp. (June 1983 to October 1983), Mini-Systems Inc. (October 1981 to March 1983) and United Computer Programming Center (April 1981 to October 1981). Mr. Valena started his career as a Programmer/Trainee at Mini-Systems Inc. in 1980. He graduated from the University of the Philippines with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences major in Economics in 1983.

Maria Teresa C. Velasco, 47, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Head of Global Distribution and Advisory Division, a role which she has handled since 2013. She was assigned as Department Head for Corporate Sales when she was hired in 2012. She previously worked with Banco De Oro Unibank/Equitable PCI where she was assigned with Treasury functions which included Trading and Product Development. Her last position with the said bank was a Trader for Derivatives Department. She also previously worked as a Banking Analyst in a non-banking firm, San Miguel Food Group. She obtained her degree in Bachelor of Arts major in Economics (Honors Program) from the Ateneo De Manila University in 1992.

Paula Fritzie C. Zamora, 48, Filipino, Senior Vice President, is the Head of Financial Institutions & Support Segment of the Treasury Group (previously Financial Institutions Management), a role which she has been handling since June 2012. Prior to assuming this role, she was the Head of Derivatives Department and Head of Financial Engineering Department. She had previous work experience which she gained from other firms like Tokio Marine Malayan Insurance Co. where she was a Finance Officer for Cash Department and Far East Bank & Trust Company where she was employed as Treasury Trader. She graduated from the Ateneo De Manila University in 1992 with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Management.

Most of the Directors and executive officers mentioned above have held their positions for at least five (5) years.

(H) Market Price and Dividends

(1) Market Price of Bank's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

The common shares of the Bank are listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange. As of April 10, 2019 the market price of RCBC's common shares closed at 26.00 per share. The trading prices of said shares for the different quarters of the years 2018, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

		Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
		Last Practicable Trading Date		Last Practicable Trading Date		Last Practicable Trading Date		Last Practicable Trading Date	
2019	High	29.50	1.09.19						
	Low	26.00	2.01.19						
2018	High	53.39	1.17.18	42.86	4.17.18	30.90	7.27.18	29.30	10.30.18
	Low	40.30	3.22.18	27.70	6.26.18	24.85	9.21.18	25.40	10.01.18
2017	High	45.10	2.14.17	66.00	6.1.17	61.10	7.7.17	63.30	10.20.17
	Low	33.50	1.03.17	37.70	4.3.17	45.00	9.28.17	48.00	10.6.17
2016	High	34.30	2.23.16	32.50	04.04.16	36.95	09.16.16	38.00	10.19.16
	Low	29.10	3.22.16	30.00	05.16.16	31.60	07.08.16	33.55	12.29.16

Source: Philippine Stock Exchange

- (2) *Number of Stockholders as of December 31, 2018* — 756 stockholders (common)
— 78 stockholders (preferred)

There were 78 preferred shareholders and 756 common shareholders of record as of December 31, 2018. Likewise, preferred shares and common shares outstanding as of December 31, 2018 were 276,887 and 1,935,628,775, respectively.

As of December 31, 2018, total equity ownership of foreigners on the Bank's common shares was at 34.0% or 475,893,371 shares.

- (3) *Recent sales of unregistered or exempt securities including recent issuance of securities constituting an exempt transaction*

No recent sales of unregistered or exempt securities, including recent issuance of securities constituting an exempt transaction to be reported.

- (4) *Top 20 Stockholders of RCBC as of December 31, 2018*

Common stockholders

Name	No. of Shares	% to Total
PCD NOMINEE CORP.(NON-FILIPINO)	665,831,947	34.399%
PCD NOMINEE CORP (FILIPINO)	644,166,033	33.279%
PAN MALAYAN MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION	594,248,081	30.701%
SYBASE EQUITY INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	23,528,800	1.216%
ABOITIZ & COMPANY, INC.	3,103,530	0.160%
HYDEE MANAGEMENT & RESOURCE CORPORATION	2,173,349	0.112%
A. T. YUCHENGCO, INC	255,190	0.013%
CONCEPCION, CARMENCITA DE LAS ALAS	224,490	0.012%
ALAS, CARLOS DE LAS	114,298	0.006%
ALAS, CORNELIO DE LAS	114,195	0.006%
CHAN, FREDERICK	111,677	0.006%
YANG JIN LIANG	100,000	0.005%
RUFINO, JOSIE PADILLA	92,865	0.005%
LOMBOS, MANUEL C. &/OR MEYRICK J.	68,574	0.004%
YAO, SHUOBIN	57,000	0.003%
YAO, SHUOYU	57,000	0.003%
RUFINO, JOSEFINA PADILLA	54,292	0.003%
QUE, LIONG HEE G.	52,297	0.003%
CIPRIANO, BIENVENIDO C.	45,354	0.002%
REYES JR., MAURO C.	45,183	0.002%

Preferred stockholders

Name	No. of Shares	% to Total
ROSARIO, RODOLFO P. DEL	81,521	30.43%
GO, HOMER	46,355	17.30%
CONCEPCION, CARMENCITA	31,842	11.89%

OPTIMUM SECURITIES CORP.	16,666	6.22%
BDO SECURITIES CORP.	9,304	3.47%
NGO, LORETA	8,600	3.21%
MANDARIN SECURITIES CORPORATION	7,583	2.83%
TAN, LUCIANO H.	7,309	2.73%
ABACUS SECURITIES CORP.	6,021	2.25%
HWANG, HANS YAP	5,558	2.07%
ANG, TONY ANG &/OR ROSEMARIE	5,372	2.01%
SIA, JOHNSON CHUA	5,000	1.87%
CAMPOS LANUZA & CO. INC.	3,535	1.32%
ACERO, NICASIO MARIN JR., &/OR ARNOLFO O.	3,371	1.26%
CO, JUSTINA DY	3,258	1.22%
CHENG, SUSAN	2,665	0.99%
GLOBALINKS SEC. & STOCKS	2,454	0.92%
BEDAN CORPORATION	2,100	0.78%
LUYS SECURITIES CO. INC.	1,852	0.69%
GO, ROBERTO CHAN	1,367	0.51%

Security Ownership of Foreigners (as of April 30, 2019)

Title of Class	Shares	% of Total
Common	664,061,783	34.31%
Preferred	0	0.00

(4) Cash Dividends (from 2016 and as of December 31, 2018)

Nature of Securities	Dividend		Record Date	Date Approved		Date Paid/Payable
	Per Share	Total Amount (in Thousand Php)		By BOD	by BSP	
Preferred	P0.6495	P0.02	March 21, 2016	January 25, 2016	**	March 23, 2016
Preferred	P0.0660	P0.02	June 21, 2016	April 25, 2016	June 16, 2016	June 21, 2016
Common	P0.7200	P1,007.94	June 30, 2016	April 25, 2016	June 16, 2016	July 18, 2016
Preferred	P0.7200	P0.21	June 30, 2016	April 25, 2016	June 16, 2016	July 18, 2016
Preferred	P0.0676	P0.02	September 21, 2016	July 25, 2016	September 16, 2016	October 11, 2016
Preferred	P0.0724	P0.02	December 21, 2016	November 2, 2016	January 13, 2017	January 17, 2017
Preferred	P0.0749	P0.02	March 21, 2017	January 30, 2017	March 22, 2017	March 24, 2017
Common	P0.5520	P772.75	April 27, 2017	April 24, 2017	April 26, 2017	May 25, 2017
Preferred	P0.5520	P0.15	April 27, 2017	April 24, 2017	April 26, 2017	May 25, 2017

Preferred	P0.0807	P0.02	June 21, 2017	April 24, 2017	April 26, 2017	June 23, 2017
Preferred	P0.0840	P0.02	September 21, 2017	July 31, 2017	September 5, 2017	September 22, 2017
Preferred	P0.0840	P0.02	December 21, 2017	October 30, 2017	December 12, 2017	December 22, 2017
Preferred	P0.0919	P0.02	March 21, 2018	January 29, 2018	March 1, 2018	March 28, 2018
Common	P0.0616	P862.35	April 20, 2018	March 26, 2018	April 5, 2018	May 7, 2018
Preferred	P0.0616	P0.17	April 20, 2018	March 26, 2018	April 5, 2018	May 7, 2018
Preferred	P0.1080	P0.03	June 21, 2018	April 30, 2018	June 14, 2018	June 25, 2018
Preferred	P0.1108	P0.03	September 21, 2018	July 30, 2018	September 4, 2018	September 24, 2018
Preferred	P0.0111	P0.03	December 21, 2018	November 26, 2018	**	December 28, 2018

** Not applicable, BSP approval not anymore required

Dividends are declared and paid out of the surplus profits of the Bank as often and at such times as the Board of Directors may determine after making provisions for the necessary reserves in accordance with law and the regulations of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

(I) Compliance with leading practices on Corporate Governance

Core Principles

RCBC affirms its commitment to good corporate governance. With an empowered Board leading the way, RCBC continues to work towards a solid control environment, high levels of transparency and disclosure, and well-defined shareholders' rights.

The corporate governance framework of RCBC combines global best practices such as the G20/OECD Principles of Good Governance and the general principles of the ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard, and the regulatory requirements of SEC Memorandum Circular No. 19, series of 2016 or the *Code of Corporate Governance for Publicly-listed Companies* and BSP Circular No. 969, series of 2017 or the *Enhanced Corporate Governance Guidelines for BSP Supervised Financial Institutions*. RCBC's corporate governance framework is embodied in its Corporate Governance Manual, the latest version of which was approved by the Board in November 2017.

The Board of Directors

Key Roles and Responsibilities

RCBC is headed by a competent and working board that oversees the implementation of the Bank's strategic objectives, governance framework and corporate values.

The Board of Directors is primarily responsible for establishing a sound corporate governance framework not only for the Bank but for the whole RCBC Group. It has the fiduciary responsibility to the Bank and all its shareholders, including minority shareholders. Among its many functions include the approval and oversight on the implementation of RCBC's strategies to achieve corporate objectives, risk governance framework, and systems of checks and balances. The Board also approves the selection of the CEO and key members of senior management and heads of control functions.

Board Composition

In accordance with RCBC's By-Laws and Corporate Governance Manual, its Board of Directors is comprised of fifteen (15) members, all of whom are known for their integrity, experience, education, training and competence. The Corporate Governance Committee ensures that majority of the Board are non-executive directors who possess the necessary qualifications to effectively participate and help secure objective and independent judgment on corporate affairs and to substantiate proper check and balances. Out of the 15-member board, 14 are non-executive directors, including the 7 independent directors, and 1 executive director.

The Board of Directors promotes diversity in its membership. It is the policy of RCBC that no person shall be disqualified to sit as member of its Board on the basis of gender, age, religion or political affiliation. The representation of women in the Board has increased from 14% in 2015 to 20% in 2016, and remained at 20% in 2017 and 2018. Among the women in the Board is Mrs. Helen Y. Dee, the Chairperson.

Nomination and Election

Directors of RCBC are elected at the Annual Stockholders' Meeting, each of whom shall hold office for a term of one year or until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified. The first fifteen candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared as elected.

All nomination for election of directors by the stockholders shall be submitted in writing to the President and the Corporate Secretary at RCBC's principal place of business at least thirty (30) working days before the regular or special meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of electing directors. The Corporate Governance Committee reviews the qualifications of persons nominated to the Board, and applies the *fit and proper standards* in its evaluation. The Committee considers the nominee's educational background, professional experience, nature and business of the corporations of which he/she is a director, age, number of directorships/active memberships and officerships in other corporations/organizations, and possible conflict of interest in determining his/her suitability to be nominated to the Board. The Committee ensures that each nominee possesses all of the minimum qualifications and none of the disqualifications as prescribed under existing laws and regulations. It is provided in the By-Laws that no person shall be qualified or be eligible for nomination or election to the Board of Directors if he is engaged in any business that competes with or is antagonistic to that of RCBC, its subsidiaries and affiliates, as may be determined by the Board of Directors, in the exercise of its judgment in good faith, by at least a majority vote.

Maximum Board Seats

Being a director of the Bank necessitates commitment. Thus, under the Bank's Corporate Governance Manual, a non-executive director may concurrently serve as a director in a maximum of five (5) publicly-listed companies. In applying this policy to concurrent directorships in entities within a conglomerate, each entity where the non-executive director is concurrently serving as director shall be separately considered in assessing compliance with this requirement.

Who Are In Our Board

Non-Executive Non-Independent	Non-Executive Independent	Executive
Ms. Helen Y. Dee	Mr. Armando M. Medina	Mr. Gil A. Buenaventura
Mr. Cesar E.A. Virata	Mr. Juan B. Santos	
Mr. Tze Ching Chan	Atty. Adelita A. Vergel De Dios	
Mr. Richard G.A. Westlake	Amb. Lilia R. Bautista	
Mr. John Law	Mr. Gabriel S. Claudio	
Mr. Shih-Chiao Lin	Mr. Vaughn F. Montes, Ph.D.	
	Mr. Laurito E. Serrano	

Independent Directors

The Bank adopts the definition of independent directors under SEC's *Code of Corporate Governance* and BSP's *Enhanced Guidelines on Corporate Governance for BSP Supervised Financial Institutions*. In 2016, the Board reinforced its independence by increasing the number of independent directors. The attributes of an independent director include independence from management or from any business or relationship which could, or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the exercise of independent judgment, and the lack of relationship to the Bank, its related companies or substantial shareholders as a regular director or officer or relative of said director or officer, as an executive or professional adviser within the past three (3) years, or business relations other than arm's length, immaterial or insignificant transactions.

The Bank's independent directors are active in board-level committees. It is the policy of the Bank, however, that an independent director who is a member of any committee that exercises executive or management functions that can potentially impair such director's independence cannot accept membership in committees that perform independent oversight or control functions such as the Audit and Compliance Committee, Risk Oversight Committee, Corporate Governance Committee, Related Party Transactions Committee, and the Anti-Money Laundering Committee.

An independent director of RCBC is only allowed to serve for a maximum cumulative term of nine (9) years. After which, the independent director shall be perpetually barred from serving as independent director in the Bank, but may continue to serve as a regular director. The maximum cumulative term of nine (9) years shall be reckoned from 2012.

The incumbent independent directors are *Amb. Lilia R. Bautista, Mr. Gabriel S. Claudio, Mr. Armando M. Medina, Mr. Vaughn F. Montes, Ph.D., Mr. Juan B. Santos, Atty. Adelita A. Vergel De Dios, and Mr. Laurito E. Serrano.*¹

The Chairperson

The Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Mrs. Helen Y. Dee, provides leadership in the Board of Directors. She ensures the effective functioning of the Board of Directors, including maintaining a relationship of trust with members of the Board of Directors.

To promote checks and balances, it is provided under the Bank's Corporate Governance Manual that the Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall be a non-executive director or an independent director, and must not have served as CEO of the Bank within the past three (3) years. Moreover, the Chairperson should not concurrently serve as CEO. However, in exceptional cases where the positions of Chairperson and CEO of the Bank are allowed by the Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to be held by one person, the Corporate Governance Manual prescribes that a lead independent director shall be appointed who shall perform a more enhanced function over other independent directors. The lead independent director is tasked to direct the independent directors at Board of Directors meetings in raising queries and pursuing matters, and to head meetings of independent directors without the presence of executive directors.

The Corporate Vice Chairman

The By-laws of the Bank provides that the Corporate Vice Chairman shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe. In the absence or inability of the Chairperson to act, the Corporate Vice Chairman will act in her stead, and will exercise any and all such powers and perform any and all duties pertaining to the office of the Chairperson conferred upon it by the By-laws. Mr. Cesar E.A. Virata is the Bank's Corporate Vice Chairman.

¹ Mr. Laurito E. Serrano replaced Mr. Melito S. Salazar, Jr. who passed away on February 16, 2019.

Meetings and Quorum Requirement

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is every last Monday of the month at the principal office of RCBC. Should the meeting date fall on a holiday, the meeting shall be held at the same hour on the next succeeding business day. A majority of the incumbent Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, and a majority of the members in attendance at any Board meeting shall decide its action.

The meetings of the Board of Directors may be conducted through modern technologies such as, but not limited to, teleconferencing and video conferencing as long as the director who is taking part in said meetings can actively participate in the deliberations on matters taken up therein. It is further required that every member shall participate in at least twenty-five percent (25%) of all meetings of the Board of Directors every year. The absence of a director in more than fifty percent (50%) of all regular and special meetings of the board of directors during his/her incumbency is a ground for disqualification in the succeeding election.

Meetings of board committees are prescribed in their respective charters. Participation of committee members may likewise be in person or through modern technologies. A director's attendance in committee meetings is considered by the Corporate Governance Committee in the assessment of the director's continuing fitness and propriety as a member of the said board-level committee and of the Board of Directors.

Non-executive directors are required to have separate periodic meetings with the external auditor and heads of the internal audit, compliance and risk functions, without any executive directors present to ensure that proper checks and balances are in place within the Bank.

From the period January to December 2018, the members' attendance at Board and Committee meetings is as follows:

DIRECTORS	BOARD		EXCOM		TRUST		TECH		PERC		ACC		ROC		CG		RPT		AML		TOTAL		
	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	M	A	
HELEN Y. DEE	13	11	47	42			12	11	3	3											75	67	89.33%
CESAR E.A. VIRATA	13	13	47	41	12	12	12	12													84	78	92.86%
GIL A. BUENAVENTURA	13	13	47	42	12	12	12	11													84	78	92.86%
TZE CHING I. CHAN	13	12																			13	12	92.31%
RICHARD G.A. WESTLAKE	13	12										12	11								25	23	92.00%
YUH-SHING (FRANCIS) PENG	13	13												11	7	11	7				35	27	77.14%
JOHN LAW	13	12										1	1								14	13	92.86%
FLORENTINO M. HERRERA III	13	13																	12	12	25	25	100.00%
ARMANDO M. MEDINA	13	13	47	44	1	1	1	1									1	1			63	60	95.24%
MELITO S. SALAZAR, JR.	13	12									27	25	12	11	1	0					53	48	90.57%
ADELITA A. VERGEL DE DIOS	13	11									27	19		12	11	11	10				63	51	80.95%
JUAN B. SANTOS	13	9			12	8							1	1			1	0			27	18	66.67%
LILIA R. BAUTISTA	13	12	47	43	11	11															71	66	92.96%
GABRIEL S. CLAUDIO	13	12												12	10	11	10	12	10		48	42	87.50%
VAUGHN F. MONTES	13	13					1	1			27	27	12	12	12	12			11	10	76	75	98.68%

M = NUMBER OF MEETINGS
A = MEETINGS ATTENDED

Board Performance

The Corporate Governance Committee oversees the periodic evaluation of contribution and performance of the Board of Directors, board-level committees, and senior management. This exercise covers the assessment of the ongoing suitability of each member, taking into account his or her performance in the board of directors and board-level committees.

The Corporate Governance Committee decides the manner by which the Board's performance may be evaluated, and propose an objective performance criteria approved by the Board. The performance indicators determine how the Board has enhanced long-term shareholder value.

Board of Directors Training Program

The Corporate Governance Committee oversees the continuing education program for the Board of Directors. The Training Program for the members of the Board has been adopted in the Bank's Corporate Governance Manual.

Under the Bank's Corporate Governance Manual, all new directors must undergo proper orientation upon joining the Board. This ensures that new members are appropriately apprised of their duties and responsibilities before beginning their directorships. The orientation program covers SEC-mandated topics on corporate governance and an introduction to the Bank's business, Articles of Incorporation, and Code of Conduct. The Orientation Program is designed to meet the specific needs of the individual directors and aid any new director in effectively performing his or her functions.

In addition to the Orientation Program, first-time directors are required to attend a seminar on corporate governance following the BSP-prescribed syllabus. The directors are required to submit a certification of compliance of this requirement to BSP.

The members of the Board also undergo the Annual Continuing Training Program. The program covers courses on corporate governance, matters relevant to the company, including audit, internal controls, risk management, sustainability and strategy. The Board of Directors, through the Corporate Governance Committee, assesses its members' training and development needs in determining the coverage of the Annual Continuing Training Program. The directors are required to complete at least four hours of the Annual Continuing Training Program.

Remuneration of the Board

Remuneration of directors is commensurate with their contributions and scope of their responsibilities.

Executive directors do not receive any per diem for attendance in board and board committee meetings. They are entitled to remuneration and benefits by virtue of their being officers of the Bank.

Non-executive directors are entitled to reasonable per diem for attendance in board and board committee meetings. Non-executive directors receive a per diem of P35,000.00 for attendance in board meetings. The Audit and Risk Oversight Committee Chairmen receive P20,000.00 while members of the said committees receive P15,000.00 per diem for attendance in meetings. Per diem in other board committees is at no greater than P15,000.00 for the chairman and P10,000.00 for members.

The members of the Board of Directors, the Advisory Board, the Executive Committee and the Officers of the Bank are entitled to profit sharing bonus in accordance with the By-Laws of the Bank.

Remuneration Item	2018 (in Php '000)
(a) Per diem Allowance Non-Executive Directors, Independent Directors and members of the Advisory Board are entitled to per diem	12,205 (aggregate amount for NED's, ID's, for the Board and Committees for the year 2018)
(b) Directors' Bonuses Directors' bonuses are given to executive, non-executive and independent directors based on the formula provided for in the Bank's By-Laws.	25,653 (aggregate amount for NED's, ID's, for the Board and Committees for the year 2018)
TOTAL	37,858

Board Committees

The Board of Directors has delegated some of its functions to the following board-level committees:

1. Executive Committee

Composition:

Chairperson and at least four (4) members of the Board of Directors

Members:

Helen Y. Dee - *Chairperson*

Gil A. Buenaventura - *Vice Chairperson*

Cesar E.A. Virata

Armando M. Medina (ID)

Lilia R. Bautista (ID)

The Executive Committee has the power to act and pass upon such matters as the Board of Directors may entrust to it for action. However, matters affecting general policy are always referred to the Board of Directors for decision. The Executive Committee has the power to review an asset or loan to ensure timely recognition and resolution of impaired assets. In 2018, the Executive Committee:

- Discussed various issuances by regulatory agencies;
- Approved non-DOSRI loans that reach the Single Borrower's Limit (SBL);
- Evaluated and approved various operations/product manuals;
- Reviewed and endorsed for Board approval various management matters;
- Deliberated upon and approved various management matters within its approving authority.

2. Audit and Compliance Committee

Composition:

The Audit and Compliance Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) non-executive directors, majority of whom shall be independent including the Chairperson. The Chairperson should not be the Chairperson of the Board or of any other board-level committees. Members of the committee should have accounting, auditing or related financial management expertise or experience.

Members:

Laurito E. Salazar (ID) - *Chairperson (replaced Mr. Melito S. Salazar, Jr. who died in February 2019)*

Vaughn F. Montes (ID)

Adelita A. Vergel De Dios (ID)

The Audit and Compliance Committee assists the Board in oversight responsibilities on: (1) financial reporting framework (2) internal control system (3) internal audit function (4) external audit function (5) compliance function (6) implementation of corrective action and (6) investigation of significant issues or any matter within its terms of reference.

In 2018, work done include, but not limited, to the following:

- Performance of oversight functions over the internal and external auditors and ensuring that they acted independently from each other and both auditors were given unrestricted access to records, properties and personnel in the discharge of their functions.
- Review of audit reports of both internal and external auditors and engaging in discussions of the results of audits during Audit and Compliance Committee meetings to evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of internal control system and risk management including financial reporting and information technology security. This also included the review of the annual and quarterly financial statements before submission to the Board and regulators focusing on the following matters:
 - Any changes in accounting policies and practices;
 - Significant adjustments arising from audit;
 - Compliance with accounting standards;
 - Compliance with tax, legal and regulatory requirements;
 - Going concern assumptions;
 - Major judgmental areas; and
 - Completeness of disclosures of material information including subsequent events and related party transactions.
- Review of the extent and scope, activities, staffing, resources and organizational structure of the Internal Audit function and approved the annual audit plan to ensure its conformity with the objectives of the Bank. This also included quarterly review of audit plan accomplishment / status including capacity and manpower complement.
- Review of the extent and scope, activities, staffing, resources and organizational structure of the Compliance Function.
- Review and approval of the annual testing plan and monitoring the status thereof.
- Review and approval of the Compliance Charter and Manual
- Review of the compliance reports of the Compliance Officer to assess compliance with laws, rules and regulations. This also included the review of findings of any examinations by regulatory agencies (e.g., BSP).
- Review of the Audit and Compliance Charter.
- Approval of the Subsidiary Oversight framework
- Approval of the AML sanctions policy
- Approval of the Compliance Issues Management Procedures
- Approval of the Written Supervisory Procedures.

3. Risk Oversight Committee

Composition:

The Risk Oversight Committee (ROC) shall be composed of at least three (3) members of the board of directors, majority of whom shall be independent directors, including the chairperson. The ROC's chairperson shall not be the chairperson of the board of directors, or any other board-level committee. The risk oversight committee shall possess a range of expertise and adequate knowledge on risk management issues and practices.

Members:

Vaughn F. Montes (ID) – Chairperson

Laurito E. Serrano (ID) – Vice Chairperson (*replaced Mr. Melito S. Salazar, Jr. who died in February 2019*)

Richard G.A. Westlake

Observers:

John Law
Gil A. Buenaventura

The highlights of the Risk Oversight Committee's actions in 2018 are as follows:

Risk Governance Framework

- Approval of amended ROC Charter
- Approval of amended Risk Governance Framework
- Approval of revised CRISMS organizational structure

Enterprise Risk and ICAAP

- Approval of ICAAP and Recovery Plan Document
- Approval of creation of ICAAP Management Committee
- Approval of Risk Appetite Framework
- Approval of Stress Testing Framework
- Approval of SEMS Policy
- Monitoring of capital adequacy
- Monitoring of adherence to risk appetite
- Monitoring of RBC Group Risk Profile, Monitoring of Risk Dashboards, and Risk Heat Maps
- Notation of Portfolio reports
- Notation of SEMS reports
- Notation of Risk-Weighted Asset analysis reports

Credit Risk

- Endorsement of Credit Risk Policy Manual for Board approval
- Notation of Credit Risk reports and Loan Portfolio Stress Test reports
- Notation of Credit Rating Model Performance Review reports
- Approval of Independent Credit Review Manual
- Notation of Independent Credit Review reports
- Notation of credit strategy presentations and industry reports

Market & Liquidity Risk

- Approval of Market & Liquidity Risk limits for 2018
- Approval of Liquidity Risk Management Framework
- Notation of Market & Liquidity Risk reports and Stress Test reports

Operational Risk

- Approval of amended Operational Risk Management Framework
- Notation of Operational Risk reports
- Notation of Key Risk Indicator (KRI) monitoring reports
- Notation of 2018 RCSA results
- Notation of Control Sample Test results
- Notation of Surprise Branch Visit updates
- Notation of fraud incident reports and fraud management updates

IT & Information Security

- Approval of Information Security Program (ISP) Document
- Notation of Information Security reports
- Notation of Information Security KRI monitoring reports
- Notation of the Risk Management Systems reports

Business Continuity Management

- Oversight of Annual Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Program (BCP) exercise
- Notation of Business Continuity Management (BCM) Framework presentations
- Notation of update on process of escalating material incidents to the Board
- Notation of Business Resiliency reports

Compliance & AML Risk

- Approval of AML Sanctions Policy
- Notation of revised AML Key Risk Indicators
- Notation of AML Control Sample Test results

4. The Corporate Governance Committee

Composition:

At least four (4) members of the board of directors who shall all be non-executive directors, majority of whom shall be independent directors, including the chairperson, with (1) one member representing the minority shareholders.

Members:

Adelita A. Vergel de Dios (ID) – *chairperson*

Vaughn F. Montes (ID)

Gabriel S. Claudio (ID)

Shih-Chiao (Joe) Lin [*replaced Yuh-Shing (Francis) Peng who resigned in March 2019*]

The Corporate Governance Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its corporate governance responsibilities. The highlights of the actions of the Corporate Governance Committee in 2018 are as follows:

- Approval of the 2017 Integrated Annual Corporate Governance Report (ACGR)
- Exercised oversight on the nomination process for members of the Board of Directors and for positions requiring board approval;
- Ensured the implementation of the training program for the members of the Board of Directors;
- Facilitated the performance evaluation process of the Board of Directors, the Board-level Committees, the individual members, the Chairperson and the CEO;
- Reviewed and endorsed for Board approval the interlocking positions of directors and officers;
- Exercised oversight on the Bank's Performance Management Framework;
- Exercised oversight on the Bank's succession plan for the CEO and senior executives;
- Enhanced disclosures by ensuring that gaps identified in ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard are addressed.

5. The Related Party Transactions Committee

Composition:

The Related Party Transactions (RPT) Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members of the board of directors, two (2) of whom shall be independent directors, including the chairperson. The Committee shall at all times be entirely composed of independent directors and non-executive directors, with independent directors comprising majority of the members.

Members:

Adelita A. Vergel De Dios (ID)¹ – *Chairperson*

Gabriel S. Claudio (ID)

Shih-Chiao (Joe) Lin [*replaced Yuh-Shing (Francis) Peng who resigned in March 2019*]

The RPT Committee assists the Board in ensuring that transactions with related parties are handled in a sound and prudent manner, with integrity, and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In 2018, the RPT Committee fulfilled its mandate under its charter particularly on the review and disclosure of material related party transactions. Work done by the Committee in 2018 includes the following:

- Review of related party transactions with a threshold amount of Php10,000.00 and above and those that require Board approval, i.e., DOSRI loans, to ensure that such transactions are not undertaken on more favorable economic terms to such related parties than similar transactions with non-related parties under similar circumstances;
- Oversaw the filing of required reports under BSP Circular No. 895, as amended, i.e., Report on Conglomerate Structure and Report on Material Related Party Transactions.

6. The Anti-Money Laundering Committee

Composition:

Three (3) directors, majority of which are independent directors including the chairperson.

Members:

Gabriel S. Claudio (ID) - *Chairperson*
Florentino M. Herrera III
Vaughn F. Montes

Observer:

Gil A. Buenaventura

The AML Committee assists the Board of Directors in its mandate to fully comply with the Anti-Money Laundering Act, as amended, its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations and the Anti-Money Laundering Regulations under the Manual of Regulations for Banks (MORB); and to ensure that oversight on the Bank's compliance management is adequate. Its specific duties and responsibilities include:

Client Profiling

- To review and approve the AML client risk profiling model and changes thereto;
- To review and note changes in the risk profiles of clients, i.e., downgrading from high risk to normal or low risk, and upgrading from low risk to normal or high risk;
- To review and approve changes in the sensitivity of watch list name screening on Base60;

STR Reporting

- To note the suspicious transaction reports filed pursuant to the approval of the AML Management Committee;

Alerts Monitoring

- To approve changes in alert scenarios, rules, parameters and thresholds in AML alert management and transaction monitoring systems;
- To review and approve reports on transactions disposed as false positive;

Disposition of Issues

- To review and recommend actions for AML critical issues;
- To review and approve reports on transactions disposed via Triage;
- To review and note closure of accounts;

Compliance Testing and Monitoring

- To review and approve AML compliance risk assessment;
- To review and approve the annual testing plan and changes thereto;
- To review the findings of Compliance Testing for AML and approve sanctions to be imposed as a result of such findings;
- To monitor and oversee timely compliance and responses to BSP/AMLC findings on regular or special examination in relation to AML.

Policy and Manuals

- To review the Bank's MLPP for the approval of the Board of Directors;
- To review and approve the Manuals on the following:
 - a. System;
 - b. Alerts
 - c. Policy;
 - d. Testing

Others

- To review and approve training plan for the Board and bank employees on AML;
- To note the Covered Transactions Reports;
- To note the AML risk indicators set by the Risk Oversight Committee;
- To confirm minutes of the AML Management Committee;
- To monitor the status of requests for information by the regulators, *i.e.*, BSP and AMLC.

7. The Trust Committee

Composition:

At least five (5) members including (i) the president or any senior officer of the Bank and (ii) the trust officer. The remaining committee members, including the chairman, may be any of the following: (i) non-executive directors or independent directors who are not part of the Audit Committee or (ii) those considered as qualified independent professionals, provided that in case there are more than five (5) Trust Committee members, the majority shall be composed of qualified non-executive members

Members:

Juan B. Santos (ID) – Chairperson
Cesar E.A. Virata
Gil A. Buenaventura
Lilia R. Bautista (ID)
Trust Officer

The Trust Committee is a special committee which reports directly to the Board of Directors and is primarily responsible for overseeing the fiduciary activities of the Bank. Its activities in 2018 include the following:

- Formulation of new policies and guidelines
 - Approval of Revised Trust Policy Manual (April 2018)
 - Approval of Revised Trust Risk Policy Manual (February 2018)
 - Approval of the Stock Transfer Operations Manual (March 2018)
 - Approval of new policies and guidelines
 - Revision of the Trust Operations Manual on the process of closure/termination
 - Amendments to the Guidelines on Provisioning for Loans and Other Risk Assets
 - Addendum to the Policy on Related Party Transactions covering investment management and trust accounts

- Amendment to Credit Scoring of Local and Foreign Financial Institutions
 - Amendments to the Basic Security Deposit for the Faithful Performance of Trust Duties
 - Amendment to the Related Party Transaction Policy
 - Revised Procedures and Documentary Requirements in relation to Retirement and Separation Benefit Payments
 - Changes in the Documentation of the termination/closure of corporation and institutional clients
 - Guidelines and Procedures on Customer Information File (CIF) Creation and Maintenance
 - Update on the TIG Business Continuity Plan (BCP)
 - Inclusion of Product-to-FRPTI Mapping Table to the Trust Policy Manual
 - Revised TIG Equity Rating System
 - Differentiated Policies and Procedures in the Trust Policy Manual
 - Revised Requirement for becoming a certified UITF marketing personnel
- Conducted oversight of trust business
 - Review of Trust performance for 2017
 - Approval of Trust business plans for 2018
 - Approval of the Audited Financial Statements of TIG and the Rizal UITFs for 2017 (February 2018)
 - Discussions on the results of the Self-Assessment of the Trust Committee for 2017
 - Review of financial performance of Trust for 2018
 - Discussions of impact of new regulations issued on the trust business
 - Review of industry landscape and trends
 - Monthly review of status of trust loan portfolio and past due loans
 - Annual status report on ROPAs held by Trust
 - Performance review of accounts
 - Administrative review of accounts (Year-round as presented by management)
 - Report on compliance with client prescribed limits (quarterly)
 - Monthly review of pre-need assets
 - Review of various directed equities (March 2018)
 - Discussions on the monthly market updates and investment strategies of Trust
 - Product development efforts for 2018
 - Termination of the Rizal Global Equity Feeder Fund
 - Revised Benchmark for Rizal USD Bond Fund
 - Release of various UITF teasers and advertisements to promote product awareness
 - Discussions on accounts opened and closed on a monthly basis together with new mandates obtained
 - Review of organization structure, succession plan for Trust and other HR matters
 - Discussions on the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 10963 (TRAIN)
 - Discussions on the implementation of PFRS9, Financial Instruments
- Evaluation and approval of management recommendations on the investment and disposition of funds or properties held in trust
 - Approval of lines for local financial institutions (November 2018)
 - Approval of lines of foreign financial institutions (July 2018)
 - Accreditation of stockbrokers (September 2018)
 - Approval of credit lines for corporate borrowers and bond issuers (as necessary)
 - Approval of the list of investment outlets for various accounts (as necessary)
 - Approval of various issues (tender offers, bonds, IPOs and preferred shares) offered in the market
 - Approval of list of equity issues (November 2018)

- Management of risks in the conduct of the trust business
 - Monthly discussions and review of various risk management reports (market risk, credit risk, operational risk, reputation risk, strategic risk, legal risk)
 - Discussions on incident reports and issues affecting Trust
 - Monitoring of the proper implementation of approved policies and guidelines
 - Review of compliance with applicable laws and regulations
 - Development of the New Trust core system (Miles Moneyware)
 - Updates on regulatory developments affecting the Trust business
- Audit and compliance
 - Composite rating of 3 or "Satisfactory" from the BSP Audit as of May 31, 2018
 - Completed compliance review of TIG as of August 31, 2018
 - Addressed various audit and compliance issues in BSP examination, internal audit and compliance reviews

8. The Technology Committee

Composition:

At least three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

Members:

Helen Y. Dee – *Chairperson*

Cesar E.A. Virata

Gil A. Buenaventura

The Technology Committee exercises authority over all IT Project Steering Committees of the various RCBC Business Groups and subsidiaries (The Group), with the principal purpose of assisting the Board in fulfilling the following oversight responsibilities:

- Approves major IT investments.
- Manages and aligns IT initiatives across the Group.
- Reviews status of major projects.
- Prioritizes IT initiatives, when warranted.
- Evaluates emerging IT solutions for use of the Group.
- Reviews and resolves IT risks and other IT related issues raised in the TechCom.
- Ensures compliance to BSP rules and regulations relating to Information Technology.

9. The Personnel Evaluation and Review Committee

Composition:

A Chairperson, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and other members who may either be directors or senior management officers of RCBC. The Head of the Internal Audit Group shall sit during meetings as a resource person. On March 25, 2019, the Board approved the reclassification of the Personnel Evaluation and Review Committee from a Board-level committee to a management committee. Below are the members this was still a Board-level committee.

Members:

Helen Y. Dee – Chairperson

Gil A. Buenaventura – President and Chief Executive Officer

Rowena F. Subido – Head, Human Resources Group

Richard C. Lim – Head, Retail Banking Group

Redentor C. Bancod – Head, Operations Group

Florentino M. Madonza- Head, Controllership Group

Jamal Ahmad – Head, CRISMS

George Gilbert G. Dela Cuesta – Head, Legal Affairs Group

The Personnel Evaluation and Review Committee was created by the Board of Directors for the following purposes:

- To act as an independent body in the evaluation and review of cases involving dishonesty, fraud, negligence or violation of any internal Bank policy, rule or procedure committed by an RCBC employee resulting to an actual or potential loss to the Bank of at least One Million Pesos (Php1,000,000.00).
- To ensure that the appropriate preventive, corrective and disciplinary measures are imposed on cases involving dishonesty, fraud, negligence or violation of any internal Bank policy, rule or procedure committed by an RCBC employee.
- Such other purposes as may be necessary in the performance and discharge of its functions.

Advisory Board

The Bank has an Advisory Board that provides informed guidance to the Board of Directors. Members of the Advisory Board are appointed by the Board of Directors. They do not have any voting rights but contribute by way of providing non-binding but relevant advice during board meetings. While the By-Laws allow for up to 10 members in the Advisory Board, the Bank has 3 appointed Advisory Board members. Each of these members is considered as business leaders and is of known probity and integrity. The members of the Advisory Board are Atty. Lilia B. De Lima (as Independent Member), Mr. Francis C. Laurel and Ms. Yvonne S. Yuchengco.

Shareholdings in the Company

As of December 31, 2018, only the following stockholders own more than 5% of RCBC's common stock:

Title of Class	Name, Address of record owner and relationship with Issuer	Name of Beneficial Owner and Relationship with Record Owner	Citizenship	Number of Shares Held	Percent (%)
Common	<p>Pan Malayan Management & Investment Corporation</p> <p>Address: 48/F Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza 6819 Ayala Avenue Makati City</p> <p>Relationship with issuer: RCBC is a subsidiary of PMMIC</p>	<p>Pan Malayan Management & Investment Corporation</p> <p><i>The records in the possession of the Bank show that the beneficial ownership of this company belong to the shareholders of record of said company. The Bank has not been advised otherwise.</i></p>	Filipino	804,431,469*	41.56%
Common	<p>Cathay Life Insurance Corporation</p> <p>Address: 296 Ren Ai Road Sec4 Taipei 10633 Taiwan R.O.C.</p> <p>Relationship with Issuer: Stockholder</p>		Non-Filipino	452,018,582	23.35%
Common	International Finance		Non-Filipino	107,875,642	5.57%

Title of Class	Name, Address of record owner and relationship with Issuer	Name of Beneficial Owner and Relationship with Record Owner	Citizenship	Number of Shares Held	Percent (%)
	Corporation (IFC) & IFC Capitalization (Equity) Fund, L.P. Address: 2121 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20433 USA Relationship with Issuer: Stockholder				

**Combined Direct and Indirect Shares of PMMIC*

The following **directors and officers** directly and indirectly own shares in RCBC:

Title of Class	Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount and nature of record / beneficial ownership		Citizenship	Percent of Class (%)
		Par Amount	Nature		
Directors					
Common	Helen Y. Dee	13,988,060	R / B	Filipino	0.07
Common	Gil A. Buenaventura	50	R / B	Filipino	0.00
Common	Cesar E.A. Virata	1,384,340	R / B	Filipino	0.01
Common	Lilia R. Bautista	50	R	Filipino	0.00
Common	Vaughn F. Montes	50	R	Filipino	0.00
Common	Florentino M. Herrera III	46,730	R / B Filipino	Filipino	0.00
Common	Richard G.A. Westlake	10	R	New Zealander	0.00
Common	Tze Ching Chan	10	R	Chinese	0.00
Common	Yu - Shing Peng	10	R	R.O.C. Taiwan	0.00
Common	Armando M. Medina	1,950	R	Filipino	0.00
Common	John Law	10	R	French	0.00
Common	Gabriel S. Claudio	10	R	Filipino	0.00
Common	Laurito E. Serrano	10	R	Filipino	0.00
Common	Adelita A. Vergel de Dios	10	R	Filipino	0.00
Common	Juan B. Santos	50	R	Filipino	0.00
	Subtotal	15,421,350			
Executive Officers					
Common	Evelyn Nolasco	27,000	B	Filipino	0.00
	Subtotal	27,000			
	TOTAL	15,448,350			

Shareholders' Rights and Protection of Minority Stockholders' Interest

The Bank respects the rights of the stockholders as provided for in the Corporation Code; namely:

1. Right to vote on all matters that require their consent or approval;
2. Right to inspect the books and records of the Bank;
3. Right to information;
4. Right to dividends; and
5. Appraisal right.

It is the duty of the Board to promote the rights of the stockholders, remove impediments to the exercise of those rights and provide an adequate avenue for them to seek timely redress for breach of their rights, *i.e.*, any shareholder or group of shareholders with at least five percent (5%) share of the total outstanding shares of the company shall be allowed to propose any relevant item for inclusion in the agenda for the meeting.

Right to Nominate Candidates for Board of Directors

The By-Laws of the Bank allows to all shareholders, including minority stockholders, the right to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors.

Voting Right

The Board shall be transparent and fair in the conduct of the annual and special stockholders' meetings of the Bank. The stockholders shall be encouraged to personally attend such meetings.

In case the stockholders cannot attend the annual and special stockholders' meetings, they shall be apprised ahead of time of their right to appoint a proxy. Subject to the requirements of the by-laws, the exercise of that right shall not be unduly restricted and any doubt about the validity of a proxy shall be resolved in the stockholders' favor.

The Board shall take the appropriate steps to remove excessive costs and other administrative impediments to the stockholders' participation in meetings, whether in person or by proxy. Accurate and timely information shall be made available to the stockholders to enable them to make a sound judgment on all matters brought to their attention for consideration or approval.

Stockholders shall have the right to elect, remove and replace directors and vote on certain corporate acts in accordance with the Corporation Code.

A director shall not be removed without cause if it shall deny minority stockholders representation in the Board.

Conduct of Shareholders' Meeting

Stockholders are encouraged to personally attend shareholders' meetings. In case the stockholders cannot attend the annual and special stockholders' meetings, they are apprised ahead of time of their right to appoint a proxy. Accurate and timely information is made available to the stockholders to enable them to make a sound judgment on all matters brought to their attention for consideration or approval. Stockholders are allowed to pose questions and/or raise matters in person during the meeting and are addressed by the Chairperson, members of the Board and/or management.

The last Annual Stockholders' Meeting was held on June 25, 2018. The Bank hired an independent party, Punongbayan & Araullo, to count and validate votes cast at the said meeting. Proper and

timely disclosures were made immediately after the ASM. Results of the meeting as well as minutes thereof are available in the Bank's website.

Right to Inspection

All stockholders shall be allowed to inspect corporate books and records including minutes of Board meetings and stock registries in accordance with the Corporation Code and shall be furnished with annual reports, including financial statements, without cost or restrictions.

Right to Information

The stockholders shall be provided, upon request, with periodic reports which disclose personal and professional information about the directors and officers and certain other matters such as their holdings of the Bank's shares, dealing with the Bank, relationships among directors and key officers, and the aggregate compensation of directors and officers.

The minority stockholders shall be granted the right to propose the holding of a meeting, and the right to propose items in the agenda of the meeting, provided the items are for legitimate business purposes.

The minority stockholders shall have access to any and all information relating to matters for which the management is accountable for and to those relating to matters for which the management shall include such information and, if not included, then the minority stockholders shall be allowed to propose to include such matters in the agenda of stockholders' meeting, being within the definition of "legitimate purposes".

Dividend Policy

Article XI, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Bank, provides that dividends shall be declared and paid out of the surplus profits of the Bank as often and at such times as the Board of Directors may determine after making provisions for the necessary reserves in accordance with law and the regulations of the Central Bank of the Philippines.

As a policy, management shall determine the amount of dividends to be declared and present the recommendation for the declaration of the same to the Board of Directors for approval. If it has stipulated dividend payment obligations, the Bank shall declare dividends in accordance with its commitment.

The Bank ensures compliance with pre-requisites set by the BSP for the declaration of dividends.

The net amount available for dividends is also in accordance with the formula provided under § X136.3 of the BSP's Manual of Regulations for Banks, as follows:

Amount of unrestricted or free earned surplus and undivided profits less:

- a. Bad debts against which valuation reserves are not required by the BSP to be set up;
- b. Unbooked valuation reserves, and other unbooked capital adjustments required by the BSP, whether or not allowed to be set up on a staggered basis;
- c. Deferred income tax;
- d. Accumulated profits not yet received but already recorded by a bank representing its share in profits of its subsidiaries under the equity method of accounting;
- e. Accrued interest as required to be excluded pursuant to Item "d" of Subsec. X305.4, net of booked valuation reserves on accrued interest receivable or allowance for uncollectible interest on loans; and
- f. Foreign exchange profit arising from revaluation of foreign exchange denominated accounts.

For purposes of the subsection, any balance of *Paid-in Surplus* account may be included in the amount available for stock dividends.

Appraisal Right

The stockholders shall have appraisal right or the right to dissent and demand payment of the fair value of their shares in the manner provided for under Section 82 of the Corporation Code of the Philippines.

Investor Relations Program

The Board shall commit at all times to fully disclose material information dealings. It shall cause the timely filling of all required information for the interest of its shareholders and other stakeholders. The reports or disclosures required under this Manual shall be prepared and submitted to the SEC and Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) by the responsible committee or officer through the Bank's Compliance Officer. Material Information emanating from the Board of Directors shall be disclosed and the responsibility of the Corporate Information Officer (CIO). The CIO shall be responsible for efficiency providing information and addressing concerns of its shareholders and other stakeholders through the Bank webpage which provides complete information about the Bank in a form that is user-friendly.

Transactions between related parties shall be disclosed to include the nature of the related party relationship as well as information about the transactions and outstanding balances necessary for an understanding of the potential effect of the relationship of the financial statements.

All material information about the Bank, *i.e.*, anything that could adversely affect share price, shall be publicly disclosed. Such information and/or transactions shall include, among others, earnings results, acquisition or disposal of significant assets, related party transactions, board membership changes, shareholdings of directors and officers and any changes thereto, and such material events or information which are required to be disclosed pursuant to the SRC and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Other information that shall always be disclosed includes remuneration (including stock options) of all directors and senior management, corporate strategy, and off balance sheet transactions.

All disclosed information shall be released via the approved and established stock exchange procedure for corporate announcements as well as through the annual report.

The governance of the bank shall be adequately transparent to its shareholders and other stakeholders.

The Bank shall designate authorized signatories and alternates for disclosures. All disclosures or information state or relayed by the authorized signatory shall be presumed to have been made with the approval of the Chairman of the board, and principal officers of the Bank. The officers, including the signatories and their alternates, shall be responsible and liable for the truthfulness of the disclosures.

Other Stakeholders

Creditors' Rights

It is the policy of the Bank to conduct its business in an efficient and fair manner in order for it to meet its contractual obligations to its depositors, subordinated debt noteholders, and service providers. In the event of any liquidation or bankruptcy proceeding, such creditors have preference over the assets of the Bank in accordance with Philippine laws on preference of credits.

As a listed company, the Bank discloses, either through its website or the required stock exchanges, the relevant terms and conditions of their investment and fund-raising activities.

Supplier/Contractor Selection and Criteria

The Bank has a board-approved Policy on Outsourcing in accordance with BSP Circular No. 765 re: “Revised Outsourcing Framework for Banks.” The Bank’s policy provides for guidelines, processes, and controls in managing outsourcing risks. The Bank is required under the policy and in accordance with the BSP Circular to conduct due diligence on service providers to ensure their integrity, technical expertise, operational capability, financial capacity, and suitability to perform the outsourced activity.

In certain cases as permitted by law and regulations, the supplier/contractor selection process is being handled by House of Investments, Inc. (HOI), an affiliate of the Bank.

HOI’s Procurement Shared Services has the following policies:

- a. Code of Ethics for Procurement
- b. Code of Ethics for Suppliers
- c. Supplier Management
- d. Policies in Choosing a Supplier
- e. Procurement Process
- f. Contract Management
- g. Manual Structure, Use, Revisions/Amendments
- h. Early Involvement in Procurement

Suppliers are evaluated based on compliance with user requirements, quality, performance record in the industry, technical competence, customer service, design, delivery, dependability. Accreditation of new suppliers is based on recommendations of procurement heads or officers and is evaluated and approved by the HOI’s PSS Manager and General Manager. Accredited suppliers are likewise subject to performance evaluation.

Environmentally-friendly Value Chain

It is the Bank’s policy to promote sustainable practices for the Bank and its clients that will minimize any negative environmental, social and reputation impact of the Bank’s financing activities and its clients’ operation. The sustainable practices that the bank wishes to pursue aims to encourage borrowers to adhere to the preservation and development of the natural, social, and cultural environment. The bank believes that good sustainable practices eventually pay dividends and are in the best interest of the borrowers.

In pursuit thereof, the Bank has instituted the SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SEMS). It requires that all lending relationships/credits, both pipeline and portfolio, are duly vetted by the SEMS process.

The SEMS is based on IFC Performance Standards, directives of Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) and other government agencies, and international/domestic best practices.

The social and environmental impact assessment process is a systematic way of identifying and assessing the type and scale of impact a project may have on the environment and social conditions. The SEMS assessment takes place before a lending decision is made and continues during the life cycle of the lending agreement with the client.

Internal Control

Effective internal control is the foundation of safe and sound banking. It reduces the possibility of significant errors and irregularities, and in the event of occurrence, said internal control assists in timely detection. A properly designed and consistently enforced system of operational and financial internal controls helps the Bank's Board of Directors and Management to safeguard the Bank's resources, produce reliable financial reports and comply with applicable laws and regulations.

The Bank has established an effective internal control system to ensure that the Bank is managed and controlled in a sound and prudent manner. It includes the following critical components:

- **Control Environment**

Control environment is the framework under which internal controls are developed, implemented and monitored. It consists of the mechanisms and arrangements that ensure internal and external risks to which the company is exposed to are identified, and appropriate and effective internal controls are developed and implemented to manage said risks soundly.

The control environment emanates from the Board of Directors and reflects Management's commitment to internal controls. In line with this, the Management has ensured the strategic implementation of internal controls that provide for an organizational structure that establishes clear lines of authority and responsibility for monitoring adherence to prescribed policies, effective risk assessment, timely and accurate financial and regulatory reports, and adequate procedures to safeguard and manage the Bank's assets.

- **Risk Assessment**

Risk assessment is the identification and analysis of relevant inherent and residual risks and the corresponding control mechanisms that can adversely affect the achievement of the Bank's objectives. The assessment helps determine the adequacy and effectiveness of control mechanisms in mitigating risks and the strengths and weaknesses of the risk environment.

The Corporate Risk Management Services Group (CRISMS) has come up with a Risk Management Manual which provides a detailed discussion on each type of risk including the identification, measurement and management of risks.

The assessment of control mechanisms in managing inherent and residual risks by the business units is an effective risk engine in the risk management process. By determining and assessing the risks involved in banking operations, the Bank can decide what types of controls are needed and how they should be managed.

- **Control Activities**

Control activities refer to the policies and procedures designed to help ensure that all bank personnel are properly guided by the control measures established by the Bank. Control activities form an integral part of the daily activities of the Bank. An effective internal control system requires that appropriate control mechanisms are set up, with control activities defined at every business level. In this regard, the Bank has ensured that control activities, which are directed through policies and procedures, are designed and implemented to address the risks involved in banking operations.

The control activities implemented by the Bank include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Establishing approvals and authorization for transactions and activities;
- b. Reconciliation;
- c. Review of operating performance and exception reports;

- d. Establishing safeguards or physical controls for use of assets and records;
- e. Segregation of duties to reduce a person's opportunity to commit and conceal fraud or errors;
- f. Requirement on mandatory leaves;
- g. Rotation of duties; and
- h. Number control

- Management Reporting System

Another element in an effective internal control program involves accurate accounting and comprehensive information and communication systems that are relevant to decision-making. These systems not only capture information and generate necessary reports, but also enable all personnel to understand their roles in the overall control system, how their activities relate to others, and their accountability for the activities they conduct.

- Monitoring Activities and Correcting Deficiencies

Monitoring activities entails assessing the quality of performance over time and making any necessary modifications to correct any deficiencies.

The overall effectiveness of the Bank's internal controls is monitored on an ongoing basis. In view of changing internal and external conditions, Management continually monitors and evaluates the Bank's internal control system to ensure that these are adequate and continue to function properly. Periodic assessment and evaluation of control mechanisms used in managing risks are conducted by the business units in coordination with internal audit, risk management and other support units. Internal control deficiencies, whether identified by business units, internal audit or other control personnel, are reported in a timely manner to the appropriate management level so that the same can be addressed immediately.

Internal control is the responsibility of all employees of the Bank. Everyone in the organization is responsible in ensuring that the internal control measures being adopted by the organization are properly and strictly enforced and are effectively operational. The channels of communication have ensured that all employees fully understand and adhere to policies and procedures affecting their work, and that other relevant information is properly communicated to the appropriate personnel. Likewise, the Bank's internal audit, risk management unit and external audit provide an objective, independent review of bank activities, internal controls and management information systems to help the Board of Directors and the Management monitor and evaluate internal control adequacy and effectiveness.

Compliance Function

The compliance function of the Bank facilitates the effective management of compliance risks or risks of legal or regulatory sanctions, material financial loss, or loss to reputation that a bank may suffer as a result of its failure to comply with laws, rules, related self-regulatory organization standards, and codes of conduct applicable to its activities.

The Compliance Function is discharged by the Regulatory Affairs Group (RAG) headed by the Chief Compliance Officer (CCO). The RAG is a separate and independent unit with no business function. It reports to the Board of Directors through the Audit and Compliance Committee and the AML Committee.

The Regulatory Affairs Group shall facilitate the effective management of compliance risks by:

- a. Advising the Board of Directors and senior management on relevant laws, rules and standards, including keeping them informed on developments in the area;

- b. Apprising Bank personnel on compliance issues, and acting as a contact point within the Bank for compliance queries from its personnel;
- c. Establishing written guidance to staff on the appropriate implementation of laws, rules and standards through policies and procedures and other documents such as compliance manuals, internal codes of conduct and practice guidelines;
- d. Identifying, documenting and assessing the compliance risks associated with the Bank's business activities, including new products and business units;
- e. Assessing the appropriateness of the Bank's compliance procedures and guidelines, promptly following up any identified deficiencies, and where necessary, formulating proposals for amendments;
- f. Monitoring and testing compliance by performing sufficient and representative compliance testing; and
- g. Maintaining a constructive working relationship with the BSP and other regulators.

The functions of the RAG are discharged by the following divisions which are under the direct supervision of the CCO:

- a. The Regulatory Affairs Divisions (RADs) performs horizon scanning and impact assessment of new regulations and market trends, and the embedding of rules and regulations to the Bank's policies, procedures, and controls.
- b. The Anti-Money Laundering and Fraud Management Division (AFMD) is responsible for the monitoring, analysis, disposition and investigation of AML and fraud alerts; reporting of possible suspicious transactions and detected fraud; monitoring filing of reports on crimes and losses; filing of covered transactions report and suspicious transactions report; preparing and recommending new policies; recommending new or updating AML and fraud alert rules; and, maintaining Base60 and Predator parameters.
- c. The Testing and Monitoring Division (TMD) is responsible for the identification, assessment and monitoring of compliance risks and level of compliance of the different business lines, products and services with the relevant regulations governing banks.
- d. The Standards and Resource Management Division (SRMD) shall serve as support to the overall operations of RAG. Functions include project management for key compliance projects; dissemination and reporting of regulatory issuances; planning, and administrative matters

Internal Audit

The Bank has in place an independent internal audit function headed by the Chief Audit Executive (CAE) who functionally reports to the Audit and Compliance Committee.

The scope of work of Internal Audit encompasses the examination and evaluation of all business systems, processes, operation, function and activities within the Bank including functions that are outsourced, its subsidiaries and branches. Such scope of work determines the adequacy and effectiveness of the Bank's risk management, control and governance process to provide reasonable assurance that:

- Risks are appropriately identified and managed in the context of current and potential risks;
- Interaction with various groups occurs as needed;
- Programs, plan and objectives are achieved;

- Resources are acquired economically , used efficiently and protected adequately;
- Quality and continuous improvement are fostered in the Bank’s control process;
- Significant financial, managerial and operating information is accurate, reliable and timely;
- Employees’ actions including performance of trading activities are in compliance with policies, standards, procedures and applicable laws and regulations;
- Significant legislative or regulatory issues impacting the Bank are appropriately recognized and addressed including areas of interest to regulators such as, among others monitoring of compliance with relevant laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to the assessment of the adequacy of capital and provisions; liquidity level; regulatory and internal reporting;
- Management and financial information system including the electronic information system and electronic banking services are reliable and effective and resulting data has integrity.

The Internal Audit subscribes to and complies with all applicable professional standards and code of ethics, including the Institute of Internal Auditors – “International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing,” Information Systems Audit and Control Association and the relevant requirements of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and other bank regulators.

An independent assessment of the effectiveness of the internal audit function is conducted every 3 or 5 years by an external auditor through a quality assurance review. In 2015, the internal audit function underwent full external quality assessment review by an independent assessor and the latest Quality Assurance Report was released on November 25, 2015.

The External Auditor

External Audit Fees and Services. The Audit and Compliance Committee is empowered to appoint the external auditor of the Bank and approve all auditing and non-audit services. It recommends to the Board the selection of external auditor considering independence and effectiveness and recommends the fees to be paid.

The following are audit and non-audit fees paid to the bank’s external auditor, Punongbayan and Araullo, in 2018:

2018	Audit Fee (in Million Pesos)	Non-Audit Fee (in Million Pesos)	Total (in Million Pesos)
Parent	P 3.72	P7.53	P11.25
Group	P12.32	P8.98	P21.30

Non-audit fees include engagements for the quarterly review and agreed upon procedures in connection with the Bank’s Offering Circulars.

Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure. In connection with the audits of the Bank’s financial statements for the two (2) most recent years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, there were no disagreements with Punongbayan and Araullo on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosures, audit scope or procedures.

Policies

Code of Conduct

All employees are governed by the Bank’s Code of Conduct, which revolves around the Core Values of the company. It is designed to serve as a guide to employees on how they should conduct themselves within and outside the Bank premises and in dealing with clients/customers and co-associates.

Adherence to this Code is the responsibility of each and every associate. It is administered uniformly throughout the Bank and is independent of the practices of other banks. It is a condition for continuous employment. Any breach of this Code may result in disciplinary action ranging from reprimand to termination of employment, depending on the gravity of the offense, after the observance of due process.

The Code of Conduct is divided into five parts as follows:

- A. Treatment of Clients
- B. Treatment of Bank Assets
- C. Treatment of Others
- D. Conflict of Interests
- E. Knowledge, Understanding & Compliance

Anti-Corruption Policies

Under Part D of the Code of Conduct on Conflict of Interests, to avoid conflict of interest, employees are to conduct business transactions for the Bank in accordance with Bank policy and avoid direct or indirect use of the Bank's goodwill, reputation, funds and property or other resources for personal gain. This involves, among other things, accepting gifts, entertainment or favors from customers or suppliers; outside employment; outside directorship; and receiving commissions or benefits from customers or suppliers.

Gifts and Entertainment. The Bank does not allow solicitation of gifts, directly or indirectly, from customers or suppliers. Under no circumstance do employees accept, directly or indirectly, payments, loans, kickbacks, special privileges or services in exchange for favors.

Favors. The Bank does not buy business. This is obtained on the merits of the Bank's products, services and people. It does not bend rules nor offer money, illegal or inappropriate favors of unusual value to obtain or retain business. In this regard, any and all significant donations or contributions to or through a customer for whatever purpose using Bank property or funds should be with the prior authorization of the concerned Group Head. Should said donation or contribution be through the purchase of a raffle or lottery ticket, any prize or winnings therefrom, regardless of whether the ticket is in the employee's possession or in the employee's name, must be turned over to the Bank.

Receiving Commissions or Benefits. Employees must avoid situations which may unduly influence the relationships with customers or suppliers in a position to transact business with the Bank. Employees must make sure that the procedures laid down in providing customer services or in purchasing goods and services are strictly followed. Employees who have a direct hand in choosing companies from which purchases of the Bank's business requirements are to be made, are discouraged to use said authority to obtain commissions or leverage to purchase the same item/s for personal interests at terms not otherwise available to his/her colleagues or the public. Suppliers and customers are chosen based on merit and not on what can be gained from them.

The Code of Conduct is a main topic included in the Bank's Employee Orientation Program which is held on a regular basis.

The Code of Discipline provides for penalties for violations of the Code of Conduct. Administrative cases are handled in accordance with the Bank's Administrative Cases Procedure and existing laws. The Personnel Evaluation and Review Committee, as mentioned, acts as an independent body in the evaluation and review of cases involving dishonesty, fraud, negligence or violation of any internal Bank policy, rule or procedure committed by an RCBC employee and ensures that the appropriate preventive, corrective and disciplinary measures are imposed on cases involving

dishonesty, fraud, negligence or violation of any internal Bank policy, rule or procedure committed by an RCBC employee.

Use of Insider Information

There are laws that prohibit the use of inside information when buying, selling or trading publicly traded securities, including RCBC securities. Inside information can take many forms, but always includes information which is not available to the public and which might influence an investor's decision to buy, sell or hold securities in a company.

Under the Code of Conduct, employees are prohibited from buying, selling or trading RCBC securities or the securities of other companies about which employees have inside information, until that information becomes public. In addition, this information should not be shared with anyone else, including family members or friends or anyone about trading in any securities based on this information.

Whistleblowing Policy

The Bank's Whistleblowing Policy is a key element in safeguarding the Bank's integrity. It aims to enhance the Bank's transparency and system for combating practices that might damage its activities and reputation. Protecting the integrity and reputation of the Bank requires the active support of its stakeholders, particularly its employees.

The following are the basic principles of the Bank's Whistleblowing Policy:

1. Employees and other stakeholders must be provided with alternative and sufficient channels for whistleblowing and communication. In certain instances, they must be able to bypass the main channels for whistleblowing if these prove inappropriate;
2. Employees and other stakeholders making the report in good faith should at all times be protected against reprisals;
3. Identity of the whistleblower making the report in good faith should remain confidential;
4. Reported incidents shall be verified in an appropriate manner, and if confirmed, the Bank must take the necessary actions;
5. The rights of any person implicated in any report must be respected.

Reports of any actual or suspected criminal activities, unlawful acts or omissions, fraud, violations of the Code of Conduct and other bank policies, danger to health and safety, improprieties or malpractice in the workplace, including those relative to matters of financial reporting, internal control and/or auditing may be sent through YGC's Open Communication system at www.rcbc.com/TalktoUs.

AMLA

The Bank's Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Prevention Program (MTPP) is a comprehensive and risk-based policy geared toward the promotion of high ethical and professional standards and the prevention of the of the bank being used, intentionally or unintentionally for money laundering and terrorist financing. The MTPP is consistent with the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001, as amended, The Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012, and BSP Circular No. 706, as amended. The MTPP is updated at least once every two years. This covers policies on Know Your Customer procedures, Record Keeping and Retention, Training, Risk Profiling and Covered and Suspicious Transaction Alerts Management. Central to improving the Bank's compliance to AML/CFT related regulations is the revision of the MTPP at least once every two years. The revised MTPP addresses the requirement outlined in new regulations and addresses changes in Bank practices considered significant as part of its ongoing process of re-framing the Bank's Compliance Program. The latest revision of the MTPP was approved by the Board on March 25, 2019. The revisions were primarily based on the new regulatory requirements

of BSP Circular No. 1022 on statutory application, governance, risk management, customer due diligence, record keeping, and account review.

Related Party Transactions

In June 2018, the Board approved the revised Policy on Related Party Transactions following BSP's issuance of Circular No. 969 or Enhanced Corporate Governance Guidelines for BSP-supervised Financial Institutions on August 22, 2017. The said policy adopted the definition of "related party transactions" under the circular which are transactions or dealings with related parties of the Bank, including its trust department, regardless of whether or not a price is charged. These shall include, but not limited, to the following:

- On- and off-balance sheet credit exposures and claims and write-offs;
- Investments and/or subscriptions for debt/equity issuances;
- Consulting, professional, agency and other service arrangements/contracts;
- Purchases and sales of assets, including transfer of technology and intangible items (e.g. research and development, trademarks and license agreements)
- Construction arrangements/contracts;
- Lease arrangements/contracts;
- Trading and derivative transactions;
- Borrowings, commitments, fund transfers and guarantees;
- Sale, purchase or supply of any goods or materials; and
- Establishment of joint venture entities.

RPTs shall be interpreted broadly to include not only transactions that are entered into with related parties but also outstanding transactions that were entered into with an unrelated party that subsequently becomes a related party.

The term "related parties" under the Bank's policy is broader in scope as includes members of the Advisory Board and consultants of the Bank.

The Bank constituted the Related Party Transactions Committee and RPT Management Committee to review and approve, as the case may be, related party transactions.

The Related Party Transactions Committee is a Board-level committee that reviews material related party transactions to ensure that the terms are no less favorable to the Bank than terms available to any unconnected third party under the same or similar circumstances. A transaction is considered "material" if it involves an amount of at least P10,000,000.00, or the transaction requires Board approval such as in the case of DOSRI loans and other credit transactions. Material related party transactions are approved by the Board and subsequently presented to the stockholders at the Annual Stockholders Meeting for confirmation.

Transactions below the materiality threshold of P10,000,000.00 are reviewed and approved by the RPT Management Committee composed of Group Heads of the following units, or their respective designates:

1. Controllership Group
2. Operations Group
3. Corporate Risk Management Services ("CRISMS") Group
4. Retail Banking Group
5. Corporate Planning Group

Transactions approved the RPT Management Committee are confirmed by the Board of Directors.

The Bank observes the following limits on exposures to related parties:

	INDIVIDUAL	AGGREGATE
LOANS / CREDIT	25% of Capital	50% of Capital
OTHER CONTRACT	NONE	10% of Capital

Breaches in the foregoing limits are reportable to the Board of Directors with the decision of the Board to accept the exposure or to take steps to address the breaches, as may be necessary, duly documented in the minutes of the meeting.

Under BSP Circular No. 895, Banks are required to submit a report on material exposures to related parties, which shall include the material RPTs of their non-bank financial subsidiaries and affiliates within 20 calendar days after the end of the reference quarter.

Details of the Bank's major related party transactions in 2018 are described below:

- *Sale and Purchase of Securities* - The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries engage in the trading of investment securities as counterparties to the transaction. These transactions are priced similar to transactions with other counterparties outside the Group and there are no unsettled transactions as of the end of each reporting period.
- *Retirement Fund* - The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries' retirement funds covered under their defined benefit post-employment plan maintained for qualified employees are administered and managed by the Parent Company's and RSB's Trust Departments in accordance with the respective trust agreements covering the plan.

Transactions with subsidiaries which are eliminated in the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

- *Lease contract with RRC and Sublease Agreements with Subsidiaries* - The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries occupy several floors of RCBC Plaza as leaseholders of RRC. The occupancy of some of subsidiaries in RCBC Plaza is covered by sublease agreements with RCBC. RCBC's lease contract with RRC is effective until December 31, 2020
- *Lease Contract on RSB Corporate Center* - In October 2013, the Parent Company and RSB entered into a lease agreement covering certain office and parking spaces of RSB Corporate Center at a monthly rental fee of P7. The monthly rental payments are subject to an escalation rate of 5% annually effective in 2014 up to the 5th year of the lease term. The initial lease is for a period of five years which ended in October 2018 and was renewed in September 2018 for an extended period.
- *Service Agreement with RBSC* - The Parent Company has Service Agreement with RBSC, wherein RBSC shall provide the Parent Company with marketing, distribution, technical, collection and selling assistance and processing services in connection with the operation of the Parent Company's credit card business.
- *Capital Infusion to RCBC LFC* - In August 2018, the Board of Directors of RCBC approved the additional capital infusion to RCBC LFC amounting to P800 million, which was paid to the latter in November 2018 after RCBC LFC's BOD approved the increase in its authorized capital stock in its meeting held in October 2018. As the application for the increase in authorized capital stock is not yet filed by RCBC LFC to the SEC as of December 31, 2018, the P800 deposit for future stock subscription is recognized and presented as part of Other Resources Account in the 2018 statement of financial position of RCBC.
- The Bank has service agreements with RSB and RBSC for the in-sourced internal audit services. The Bank provides full-scope audit services to RSB and limited audit services to RBSC, specifically IT audit, operations audit and financial statements review. Also, the Bank has formalized the service agreements for the internal audit services being provided to subsidiaries namely: RCBC Capital Corp., RCBC Securities, Inc., RCBC Forex Brokers

Corp., Merchant Savings and Loan Association, Inc. (Rizal Microbank), RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation and Niyog Property Holdings, Inc.

- The Bank has a service agreement with RCBC Forex Brokers Corporation (RCBC Forex) for in-sourced services, rendered by the following business units: 1) business and operational risk, 2) compliance, 3) internal audit, 4) information technology, and 5) human resources. The services shall be limited to: compliance with relevant laws, rules and regulations, market, liquidity, and operational risk management, internal audit, information technology, review of salary and processing of payroll on a bi-monthly basis, and implementation of exclusive succession planning, human resources information system and database administration and organization of training programs.
- The Bank has a service agreement with RCBC Forex and RSB for the referral of money service business customers to RCBC Forex, to facilitate the purchase and/or sale of foreign currencies. The services to be rendered are relative to account opening and compliance with customer identification regulatory requirements.

The Bank's other transactions with affiliates include service agreements, leasing office premises to subsidiaries which is eliminated during consolidation, accreditation of RCBC Trust agent and of insurance companies, and regular banking transactions (including purchases and sales of trading account securities, securing insurance coverage on loans and property risks and intercompany advances), all of which are at arms' length and conducted in the ordinary course of business.

The Bank does not have any transactions with promoters within the past five (5) years. The Bank does not have transactions with parties that fall outside the definition of related parties under regulations, but with whom the registrants or its related parties have a relationship that enables the parties to negotiate terms of material transactions that may not be available from other, more clearly independent parties on an arm's length basis.

(J) Undertaking to Provide Annual Report

The Bank undertakes to provide each stockholder without charge a copy of the annual report on SEC Form 17-A upon written request to the Bank addressed to:

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and subsidiaries (together hereinafter referred to as the Group) and of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (the Parent Company), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the statements of profit or loss, statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2018, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Group and of the Parent Company as at December 31, 2018 and 2017, and their financial performance and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2018 in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing (PSA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines (Code of Ethics) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audits of the financial statements in the Philippines, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matters identified in our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Parent Company:

(a) Adoption of Expected Credit Loss Model for Loans and Receivables under PFRS 9, Financial Instruments

Description of the Matter

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, the Group and the Parent Company have adopted on January 1, 2018, the new impairment requirements under PFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*, which fundamentally changed the Group's and the Parent Company's assessment and accounting for impairment losses of its loans and receivables portfolio from an incurred loss model to a forward-looking expected credit loss (ECL) model. As of December 31, 2018, the Group's and the Parent Company's loans and receivables comprise 62% and 58% of the total resources, respectively, while as at January 1, 2018, these comprise 64% and 60% of the Group's and the Parent Company's total resources, respectively. We have identified this area a key audit matter as PFRS 9 is a new and complex accounting standard that:

- requires significant management judgment on the interpretation and implementation of the requirements of the standard in assessing impairment losses based on an ECL model that involves defining when does default occur and what constitute a significant increase in the credit risk of different loans and receivables portfolio;
- involves high degree of estimation uncertainty related to management's use of various inputs and assumptions applied in the ECL model such as credit risk rating of the borrower, expected amount and timing of cash flows, including recovery of collaterals for defaulted accounts, and forward-looking macroeconomic information which may be affected by management estimation bias; and,
- requires complex estimation process that entails implementation of internal controls and use of information system in ensuring the completeness and accuracy of data used in the ECL calculation and in the preparation of required disclosures in the financial statements.

In addition, the application of the ECL model requires comprehensive and complex disclosures on the Group's and the Parent Company's financial statements as at January 1, 2018, and for each reporting period. The impact of the adoption of the ECL model at transition date and as at December 31, 2018 are disclosed in Notes 2 and 11, respectively, while the summary of significant accounting policies, the significant judgment, including estimation applied by management, as those relate to the credit risk assessment process of the Group and the Parent Company are disclosed in Notes 2, 3 and 4 to the financial statements, respectively.

How the Matter was Addressed in the Audit

We obtained an understanding of the Group's and the Parent Company's accounting policies and methodologies applied and we evaluated whether those: (a) are established and implemented consistent with the underlying principles of PFRS 9; (b) are appropriate in the context of the Group's lending activities and asset portfolio that takes into consideration the different segments of credit exposures and the relevant regulatory framework; and, (c) are supported by pertinent processes and controls, including documentations of the accounting policies that capture in sufficient detail the judgment, including estimation applied in the development of the ECL model.

With respect to the use of significant judgment, including those involving estimation of inputs and assumptions used in the ECL model, we performed the following:

- assessed the Group's and the Parent Company's segmentation of its credit risk exposures based on homogeneity of credit risk characteristics and evaluated the appropriateness of the specific model applied for each segment of loan portfolio;
- evaluated both the quantitative and qualitative criteria applied in the definition of default against historical analysis for each segment of loan portfolio and in accordance with credit risk management practices, and tested the criteria in the determination of the significant increase in credit risk, including assignment of a loan or group of loans into different stages of impairment;
- tested the Group's and the Parent Company's application of internal credit risk rating system for selected items of loans, and verified the mapping of the ratings to the ECL calculation;
- tested loss given default information across various types of loan by inspecting records of historical recoveries, including valuation and cash flows from collateral, and write-offs;
- reconciled and tested exposure at default for all outstanding loans against the relevant loan databases, including review of the potential exposures from undrawn commitments against historical drawdown; and,
- assessed the appropriateness of the identification of forward-looking information (overlays) used in the ECL model and validated their reasonableness against publicly available information.

As part of our audit of the ECL methodology, we tested the completeness and accuracy of the data used in the ECL model through reconciliation of loan data subjected to the ECL calculations, which were prepared by management outside its general ledger system, against the relevant financial reporting applications and other accounting records. Moreover, we tested the stratification of loan data that were disaggregated into various portfolio segments for purposes of ECL calculations. Furthermore, we tested the mathematical formula and the computation logics applied in the calculation of the different inputs in the ECL model and the estimation of the credit losses for all loans and receivables subjected to impairment assessment.

We assessed the appropriateness of the transition adjustments as at January 1, 2018 and evaluated the completeness of the disclosures in the financial statements against the requirements of the relevant standards.

(b) Fair Value Measurement of Unquoted Securities Classified at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income

Description of the Matter

The Group and the Parent Company have significant investments in unquoted equity securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income amounting to P3,989 million and P1,946 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2018. These include equity securities with total fair value of P2,358 million and P339 million for the Group and Parent Company, respectively, on which net fair value loss of P185 million for the Group and fair value loss of P204 million for the Parent Company were recognized in other comprehensive income in 2018, which formed part of the Revaluation Reserves account in the statement of changes in equity. The valuation of these financial instruments involve complex valuation techniques (i.e., price-to-book value method and discounted cash flow method) and significant estimation which are highly dependent on underlying assumptions and inputs such as price-to-book ratios of selected comparable listed entities, application of a certain haircut rate, and appropriate discount rate in computing the present value of future cash flows expected from dividend or redemption payments. These inputs are considered Level 3 unobservable inputs in the fair value hierarchy under PFRS 13, *Fair Value Measurement*, as discussed in Notes 3 and 7 to the financial statements. Accordingly, we have assessed the valuation of the unquoted equity securities as a key audit matter.

How the Matter was Addressed in the Audit

We evaluated the appropriateness of management's valuation methodology in accordance with PFRS 13. For equity security valued using the price-to-book value method, we used our own internal valuation expert to assess and challenge the valuation assumptions used, including the identification and selection of comparable listed entities and the related financial information such as net book value per share and quoted prices of those listed entities. In testing the reasonableness of the haircut rate used, we reviewed available non-financial information relevant to the assessment of the potential marketability of the subject security, and the consistency of the application of the haircut rate used in prior period in light of the current industry and economic circumstances. With respect to the equity security measured using the discounted cash flow method, we evaluated the reasonableness of the amount of future cash flows from the dividend or redemption expected to be received from the instrument based on the contractual arrangement with the counterparty, and the appropriate discount rate used. We also tested the mathematical accuracy of the calculation for both valuation techniques used by management.

(c) Appropriateness of Disposals of Investment Securities at Amortized Cost

Description of the Matter

As of December 31, 2018, the Parent Company carries in its financial statements investment securities held under its hold-to-collect (HTC) business model, which are measured at amortized cost amounting to P78,595 million. In 2018, it disposed of a portion of its US dollar-denominated HTC securities with face value of US\$57 million (P3,021 million) and carrying amount of P3,205 million. The disposal was made to maintain adequate liquidity buffer for the expected cash outflows for loan drawdowns.

Management assessed that such disposal remains to be consistent with the Parent Company's HTC business model with the objective of collecting contractual cash flows. The assessment to determine whether the disposal of the HTC securities is consistent with the Parent Company's HTC business model is considered a key audit matter because the assessment involves significant judgment such as on the evaluation of the frequency and significance of the disposal that may impact the appropriateness of the Parent Company's business model in managing financial instruments. The disclosures in relation to this matter are included in Note 10 while the disclosures regarding the Parent Company's assessment of the business model applied in managing financial instruments are presented in Note 3 to the financial statements.

How the Matter was Addressed in the Audit

We checked the appropriateness of the Parent Company's disposal of the US dollar-denominated HTC securities by reviewing the documentation of the approval of the Parent Company's Executive Committee on December 20, 2018 as required by the BSP. We assessed whether the disposal was made consistent with the permitted sale events documented in the Parent Company's business model in managing financial assets manual and with the relevant requirements of both the financial reporting standard and the BSP. We also assessed the appropriateness and reasonableness of the underlying data used and the rationale documented by the Parent Company in the determination of the amount of HTC securities disposed of relative to the current and forecasted level of liquidity and to ensure continuing compliance with the regulatory requirements of the BSP.

(d) Recoverability of Deferred Tax Assets

Description of the Matter

The Group's and the Parent Company's deferred tax assets amounted to P2,094 million and P964 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2018. The recognition of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted to the extent of the changes in probability that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of such deferred tax assets to be utilized. Determining the probabilities of sufficiency of future taxable profits involves significant management judgment and high estimation uncertainty as it requires preparation of financial forecast and profitability projections which may result in different outcome scenarios, hence, may significantly affect the estimates and decisions made by management whether or not to recognize the deferred tax assets. Accordingly, we identified the recoverability of deferred tax assets as significant area of focus in our audit.

How the Matter was Addressed in the Audit

Our work included, among others, obtaining management's income projections based on its Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process document. Relative to this, we reviewed the appropriateness of management's assumptions underlying the recoverability of the deferred tax assets by comparing the forecast to our expectations developed based on historical performance and our understanding of the Group's and the Parent Company's existing growth strategy. We also considered the fact that the Group and the Parent Company have been utilizing the benefits of deferred tax assets since prior periods.

The relevant information about the accounting policies on deferred tax assets and the details of recognized and unrecognized deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2018 are disclosed in Notes 3 and 26 to the financial statements, respectively.

Key audit matter we identified in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Group:

Assessment of Goodwill Impairment

Description of the Matter

As of December 31, 2018, the balance of goodwill, net of allowance for impairment, amounted to P268 million, which is included as part of the Other Resources account in the Group's statement of financial position. Under PFRS, goodwill, having indefinite useful life, is not subject to amortization but is required to be tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of goodwill may be impaired. We identified this area as a key audit matter because the annual impairment test requires significant judgment and is based on assumptions which are internally developed or projected by management. This includes the identification of cash generating units (CGUs) where the goodwill is allocated and the future cash flows of the identified CGUs, which are affected by expected future market or economic conditions. The Group engaged a third party valuation specialist to assist in assessing any impairment on the recognized goodwill. Management's significant assumptions include:

- RCBC Savings Bank, Inc. (RSB)'s business, the identified CGU on which the goodwill is allocated, will continue as a going concern or if merged with the Parent Company under the Plan of Merger as disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements, will continue to be a CGU for the Group;
- The CGU will have sufficient financial resources to finance its working capital requirements to achieve its projected forecast and to support the business needs; and,
- The CGU's performance forecasts for the next five years.

The Group's accounting policy on impairment of and disclosures about goodwill are included in Notes 2 and 15, respectively, to the financial statements.

How the Matter was Addressed in the Audit

We assessed the competence, capabilities and qualifications of the third party valuation specialist by considering their qualifications, experience and reporting responsibilities. We evaluated the methodology applied and the assumptions used by management and its valuation specialist, particularly those relating to the forecasted revenue growth and profit margins of RSB by considering its historical financial performance and its specific growth strategy. We compared the long-term growth rate against the industry and market outlook and other relevant external data. In addition, we did not identify event or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the identified CGU's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's and the Parent Company's Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Form 20-IS (Definitive Information Statement), SEC Form 17-A and Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2018, but does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The SEC Form 20-IS, SEC Form 17-A and Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2018 are expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditors' report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audits of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audits, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with PFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's and the Parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group and the Parent Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's and the Parent Company's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with PSA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with PSA, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's and the Parent Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's and the Parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group and the Parent Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. As discussed in Note 26 to the financial statements, the Parent Company presented the supplementary information required by the Bureau of Internal Revenue under Revenue Regulations (RR) 15-2010 in a supplementary schedule filed separately from the basic financial statements. RR 15-2010 requires the supplementary information to be presented in the notes to financial statements. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management. The supplementary information is not a required part of the basic financial statements prepared in accordance with PFRS; it is neither a required disclosure under the Securities Regulation Code Rule 68, as amended, of the SEC.

The engagement partner on the audits resulting in this independent auditors' report is Anthony L. Ng.

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By: **Anthony L. Ng**
Partner

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February 26, 2019

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos)

	Notes	GROUP		PARENT COMPANY	
		2018	2017	2018	2017
<u>RESOURCES</u>					
CASH AND OTHER CASH ITEMS	9	P 17,392	P 14,693	P 12,225	P 10,415
DUE FROM BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS	9	56,495	58,801	39,847	47,186
DUE FROM OTHER BANKS	9	20,342	19,818	19,420	18,368
LOANS ARISING FROM REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS	9	10,032	9,831	4,000	7,435
TRADING AND INVESTMENT SECURITIES - Net	10	118,449	72,932	100,982	58,133
LOANS AND RECEIVABLES - Net	11	398,300	354,243	298,744	265,791
INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATES - Net	12	423	417	19,928	19,018
BANK PREMISES, FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT - Net	13	8,415	8,946	4,992	5,197
INVESTMENT PROPERTIES - Net	14	3,631	3,399	2,922	2,785
DEFERRED TAX ASSETS	26	2,094	1,896	964	942
OTHER RESOURCES - Net	15	<u>9,022</u>	<u>9,012</u>	<u>6,899</u>	<u>6,306</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES		P <u>644,595</u>	P <u>553,988</u>	P <u>510,923</u>	P <u>441,576</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

	Notes	GROUP		PARENT COMPANY	
		2018	2017	2018	2017
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>					
DEPOSIT LIABILITIES	17	P 423,399	P 388,412	P 302,410	P 288,667
BILLS PAYABLE	18	56,001	43,967	48,759	36,600
BONDS PAYABLE	19	53,090	28,060	53,090	28,060
SUBORDINATED DEBT	20	9,986	9,968	9,986	9,968
ACCRUED INTEREST, TAXES AND OTHER EXPENSES	21	5,277	4,185	3,966	3,218
OTHER LIABILITIES	22	<u>15,672</u>	<u>12,369</u>	<u>11,637</u>	<u>8,134</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>563,425</u>	<u>486,961</u>	<u>429,848</u>	<u>374,647</u>
EQUITY	23				
Attributable to:					
Parent Company's Shareholders		81,144	66,999	81,075	66,929
Non-controlling Interests		<u>26</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>81,170</u>	<u>67,027</u>	<u>81,075</u>	<u>66,929</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		<u>P 644,595</u>	<u>P 553,988</u>	<u>P 510,923</u>	<u>P 441,576</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018, 2017 AND 2016
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos, Except Per Share Data)

	Notes	GROUP			PARENT COMPANY		
		2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
INTEREST INCOME							
Loans and receivables	11	P 27,037	P 21,956	P 19,442	P 19,394	P 15,081	P 13,219
Trading and investment securities	10	3,403	2,430	3,269	2,810	1,955	2,927
Others	9, 24	493	378	426	360	277	383
		30,933	24,764	23,137	22,564	17,313	16,529
INTEREST EXPENSE							
Deposit liabilities	17	6,295	3,959	3,269	3,723	2,389	2,021
Bills payable and other borrowings	18, 19, 20, 24	4,149	2,784	4,161	3,810	2,529	3,945
		10,444	6,743	7,430	7,533	4,918	5,966
NET INTEREST INCOME		20,489	18,021	15,707	15,031	12,395	10,563
IMPAIRMENT LOSSES - Net	16	1,899	2,155	1,770	1,306	1,164	856
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER IMPAIRMENT LOSSES		18,590	15,866	13,937	13,725	11,231	9,707
OTHER OPERATING INCOME							
Service fees and commissions	2	3,323	3,138	3,196	2,211	1,985	1,762
Foreign exchange gains - net	2, 19	843	798	276	991	773	244
Trust fees	27	278	279	294	218	226	243
Share in net earnings of subsidiaries and associates	12	14	92	131	1,299	2,110	1,500
Trading and securities gains (losses) - net	2, 10	-	900	1,619	(17)	664	1,663
Miscellaneous - net	25	1,548	1,893	1,598	955	1,129	1,084
		6,006	7,100	7,114	5,657	6,887	6,496
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME (Forward)		P 24,596	P 22,966	P 21,051	P 19,382	P 18,118	P 16,203

See Notes to Financial Statements.

	Notes	GROUP			PARENT COMPANY		
		2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		P 24,596	P 22,966	P 21,051	P 19,382	P 18,118	P 16,203
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES							
Employee benefits	24	6,562	5,991	5,408	4,472	4,164	3,666
Occupancy and equipment-related	28, 29	3,457	3,185	2,871	2,669	2,492	2,180
Taxes and licenses	14	2,238	1,821	1,840	1,523	1,289	1,287
Depreciation and amortization	13, 14, 15	1,821	1,914	1,766	1,075	1,085	985
Miscellaneous	25	5,325	4,904	5,470	4,510	4,083	4,556
		<u>19,403</u>	<u>17,815</u>	<u>17,355</u>	<u>14,249</u>	<u>13,113</u>	<u>12,674</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		5,193	5,151	3,696	5,133	5,005	3,529
TAX EXPENSE (INCOME)	26	<u>872</u>	<u>841</u>	(<u>174</u>)	<u>813</u>	<u>697</u>	(<u>339</u>)
NET PROFIT		P <u>4,321</u>	P <u>4,310</u>	P <u>3,870</u>	P <u>4,320</u>	P <u>4,308</u>	P <u>3,868</u>
ATTRIBUTABLE TO:							
PARENT COMPANY'S SHAREHOLDERS		P 4,320	P 4,308	P 3,868			
NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>			
		P <u>4,321</u>	P <u>4,310</u>	P <u>3,870</u>			
Earnings Per Share							
Basic and diluted	30	P <u>2.62</u>	P <u>3.08</u>	P <u>2.76</u>			

See Notes to Financial Statements.

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018, 2017 AND 2016
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos)

	Notes	GROUP			PARENT COMPANY		
		2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
NET PROFIT		P 4,321	P 4,310	P 3,870	P 4,320	P 4,308	P 3,868
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)							
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss							
Actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit plan	24	(1,269)	1,510	(325)	(1,384)	1,491	(349)
Fair value gains (losses) on equity securities at fair value through other comprehensive income	10, 23	(1,018)	(156)	1,442	(478)	(269)	1,395
Share in other comprehensive income (losses) of the subsidiaries and associates:							
Actuarial gains on defined benefit plan	12	6	4	-	121	23	24
Fair value gains (losses) on equity securities at fair value through other comprehensive income	12, 23	-	-	-	(540)	113	47
		(2,281)	1,358	1,117	(2,281)	1,358	1,117
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss							
Fair value gains on debt securities at fair value through other comprehensive income	10, 23	149	-	-	149	-	-
Translation adjustments on foreign operations	12, 23	-	(1)	25	-	(1)	25
Reclassification of cumulative translation adjustment on dissolution of a foreign subsidiary	12, 23	(32)	-	-	(32)	-	-
		117	(1)	25	117	(1)	25
Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	23	(2,164)	1,357	1,142	(2,164)	1,357	1,142
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		P 2,157	P 5,667	P 5,012	P 2,156	P 5,665	P 5,010
ATTRIBUTABLE TO:							
PARENT COMPANY'S SHAREHOLDERS		P 2,156	P 5,665	P 5,010			
NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS		1	2	2			
		P 2,157	P 5,667	P 5,012			

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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018, 2017 AND 2016
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos)

		GROUP										
		ATTRIBUTABLE TO PARENT COMPANY'S SHAREHOLDERS									NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	TOTAL EQUITY
Notes		COMMON STOCK	PREFERRED STOCK	CAPITAL PAID IN EXCESS OF PAR	REVALUATION RESERVES	RESERVE FOR TRUST BUSINESS	OTHER RESERVES	GENERAL LOAN LOSS RESERVE	SURPLUS	TOTAL		
	Balance at January 1, 2018											
	As previously reported	P 13,999	P 3	P 22,635	P 1,974	0	P 436	(P 97)	P -	P 28,049	P 28	P 67,027
	Effect of adoption of PFRS 9	-	-	-	456	-	-	-	2,227	(4,614)	(3)	(1,934)
	As restated	13,999	3	22,635	2,430	-	436	(97)	2,227	23,435	25	65,093
	Transactions with owners											
	Issuance of common stock	5,357	-	9,426	-	-	-	-	-	14,783	-	14,783
	Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(863)	(863)	-	(863)
	Total transactions with owners	5,357	-	9,426	-	-	-	-	(863)	13,920	-	13,920
	Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,320	4,320	1	4,321
	Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	(2,164)	-	-	-	(2,164)	(2,164)	(1)	(2,164)
	General loan loss appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	367	(367)	-	-	-
	Transfer from surplus to reserve for trust business	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	(18)	-	-	-
		5,357	-	9,426	(2,164)	18	-	367	3,072	16,076	1	2,157
	Balance at December 31, 2018	P 19,356	P 3	P 32,061	P 266	P 454	(P 97)	P 2,594	P 26,507	P 81,144	P 26	P 81,170
	Balance at January 1, 2017	P 13,999	P 3	P 22,635	P 621	P 415	(P 97)	P -	P 24,531	P 62,107	P 26	P 62,133
	Transaction with owners											
	Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(773)	(773)	-	(773)
	Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,308	4,308	2	4,310
	Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	1,357	-	-	-	-	1,357	-	1,357
	Transfer of fair value gains on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income to surplus	-	-	-	(4)	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
	Transfer from surplus to reserve for trust business	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	(21)	-	-	-
		-	-	-	1,353	21	-	-	3,518	4,892	2	4,894
	Balance at December 31, 2017	P 13,999	P 3	P 22,635	P 1,974	P 436	(P 97)	P -	P 28,049	P 66,999	P 28	P 67,027
	Balance at January 1, 2016	P 13,999	P 3	P 22,635	(P 518)	P 388	(P 97)	P -	P 21,695	P 58,105	P 24	P 58,129
	Transaction with owners											
	Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,008)	(1,008)	-	(1,008)
	Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,868	3,868	2	3,870
	Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	1,142	-	-	-	-	1,142	-	1,142
	Transfer of fair value gains on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income to surplus	-	-	-	(3)	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
	Transfer from surplus to reserve for trust business	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	(27)	-	-	-
		-	-	-	1,139	27	-	-	2,836	4,002	2	4,004
	Balance at December 31, 2016	P 13,999	P 3	P 22,635	P 621	P 415	(P 97)	P -	P 24,531	P 62,107	P 26	P 62,133

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PARENT COMPANY								
Notes	COMMON STOCK	PREFERRED STOCK	CAPITAL PAID IN EXCESS OF PAR	REVALUATION RESERVES	RESERVE FOR TRUST BUSINESS	GENERAL LOAN LOSS RESERVE	SURPLUS	TOTAL EQUITY
Balance at January 1, 2018								
As previously reported	P 13,999	P 3	P 22,635	P 1,974	P 394	P -	P 27,924	P 66,929
Effect of adoption of PFRS 9	2	-	-	456	-	1,793	(4,179)	(1,930)
As restated	13,999	3	22,635	2,430	394	1,793	23,745	64,999
Transactions with owners	23							
Issuance of common stock	P 5,357	-	P 9,426	-	-	-	-	14,783
Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	(863)	(863)
Total transactions with owners	5,357	-	9,426	-	-	-	(863)	13,920
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,320	4,320
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	(2,164)	-	-	-	(2,164)
General loan loss appropriation	23	-	-	-	-	319	(319)	-
Transfer from surplus to reserve for trust business	27	-	-	-	12	-	(12)	-
	5,357	-	9,426	(2,164)	12	319	3,126	16,076
Balance at December 31, 2018	P 19,356	P 3	P 32,061	P 266	P 406	P 2,112	P 26,871	P 81,075
Balance at January 1, 2017	P 13,999	P 3	P 22,635	P 621	P 378	P -	P 24,401	P 62,037
Transaction with owners	23							
Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	(773)	(773)
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,308	4,308
Other comprehensive income	23	-	-	1,357	-	-	-	1,357
Transfer of fair value gains on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income to surplus	10, 23	-	-	(4)	-	-	4	-
Transfer from surplus to reserve for trust business	27	-	-	-	16	-	(16)	-
	-	-	-	1,353	16	-	3,523	4,892
Balance at December 31, 2017	P 13,999	P 3	P 22,635	P 1,974	P 394	P -	P 27,924	P 66,929
Balance at January 1, 2016	P 13,999	P 3	P 22,635	(P 518)	P 356	P -	P 21,560	P 58,035
Transaction with owners	23							
Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,008)	(1,008)
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,868	3,868
Other comprehensive income	23	-	-	1,142	-	-	-	1,142
Transfer of fair value gains on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income to surplus	10, 23	-	-	(3)	-	-	3	-
Transfer from surplus to reserve for trust business	27	-	-	-	22	-	(22)	-
	-	-	-	1,139	22	-	2,841	4,002
Balance at December 31, 2016	P 13,999	P 3	P 22,635	P 621	P 378	P -	P 24,401	P 62,037

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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018, 2017 AND 2016
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos)

	Notes	GROUP			PARENT COMPANY		
		2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Profit before tax		P 5,193	P 5,151	P 3,696	P 5,133	P 5,005	P 3,529
Adjustments for:							
Interest income		(30,933)	(24,764)	(23,137)	(22,564)	(17,313)	(16,529)
Interest received		29,528	24,455	23,570	21,261	17,182	16,962
Interest paid		(11,392)	(6,886)	(7,253)	(8,131)	(4,733)	(5,889)
Interest expense		10,444	6,743	7,430	7,533	4,918	5,966
Impairment losses - net	16	1,899	2,155	1,770	1,306	1,164	856
Depreciation and amortization	13, 14, 15	1,821	1,914	1,766	1,075	1,085	985
Dividend income	25	(189)	(234)	(449)	(187)	(196)	(307)
Share in net earnings of subsidiaries and associates	12	(14)	(92)	(131)	(1,299)	(2,110)	(1,500)
Gains on assets sold	25	(70)	(282)	(541)	(28)	(199)	(24)
Operating profit before working capital changes		6,287	8,160	7,142	4,099	4,803	4,049
Decrease (increase) in financial assets at fair value through profit and loss		(21)	10,488	(12,967)	(138)	10,522	(13,082)
Decrease (increase) in financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		(16,624)	316	(1,471)	(13,126)	139	48
Decrease (increase) in loans and receivables		(34,119)	(50,172)	(6,748)	(22,472)	(38,690)	4,666
Decrease (increase) in investment properties		(329)	(774)	209	(118)	(45)	27
Decrease (increase) in other resources		1,689	1,693	(528)	1,036	139	254
Increase (decrease) in deposit liabilities		34,987	35,335	10,715	13,743	28,502	(3,905)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest, taxes and other expenses		1,037	(593)	338	806	(292)	179
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities		74	1,911	(256)	274	948	(1,385)
Cash generated from (used in) operations		(7,019)	6,364	(3,987)	(15,896)	6,026	(9,149)
Income taxes paid		(1,015)	(605)	(574)	(893)	(477)	(501)
Net Cash From (Used in) Operating Activities		(8,034)	5,759	(4,561)	(16,789)	5,549	(9,650)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Additional investments in securities at amortized cost		(77,488)	(33,570)	(11,271)	(76,286)	(27,549)	(10,473)
Proceeds from disposal and maturity of securities at amortized cost		47,755	25,296	61,288	45,832	24,251	57,087
Acquisitions of bank premises, furniture, fixtures, and equipment	13	(1,214)	(1,521)	(2,782)	(836)	(899)	(1,129)
Cash dividends received	12, 25	189	296	560	291	600	307
Acquisitions of intangible assets	15	(179)	(304)	(294)	(163)	(267)	(270)
Proceeds from disposals of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment	13	401	203	834	226	102	317
Net Cash From (Used in) Investing Activities		(30,536)	(9,600)	48,335	(30,936)	(3,762)	45,839
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Proceeds from availments of bills payable	18, 32	44,522	20,561	33,668	42,769	15,477	31,325
Payments of bills payable	18, 32	(32,790)	(14,472)	(45,429)	(30,912)	(10,788)	(45,429)
Issuance of bonds payable	19, 32	23,520	-	-	23,520	-	-
Issuance of common stock	23	14,783	-	-	14,783	-	-
Dividends paid	23	(863)	(773)	(1,008)	(863)	(773)	(1,008)
Redemption of bonds payable	19, 32	-	(13,687)	-	-	(13,687)	-
Net Cash From (Used in) Financing Activities		49,172	(8,371)	(12,769)	49,297	(9,771)	(15,112)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Forward)		P 10,602	(P 12,212)	P 31,005	P 1,572	(P 7,984)	P 21,077

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Notes	GROUP			PARENT COMPANY		
	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	P 10,602	(P 12,212)	P 31,005	P 1,572	(P 7,984)	P 21,077
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR						
Cash and other cash items	9	14,693	15,176	14,070	10,415	11,000
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	9	58,801	66,520	50,617	47,186	50,871
Due from other banks	9	19,818	25,293	19,701	18,368	24,109
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreement	9	9,831	7,889	-	7,435	4,931
Interbank loans receivable	9, 11	38	515	-	38	-
		<u>103,181</u>	<u>115,393</u>	<u>84,388</u>	<u>83,442</u>	<u>91,426</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR						
Cash and other cash items	9	17,392	14,693	15,176	12,225	11,000
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	9	56,495	58,801	66,520	39,847	47,186
Due from other banks	9	20,342	19,818	25,293	19,420	18,368
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreement	9	10,032	9,831	7,889	4,000	7,435
Interbank loans receivable	9, 11	9,522	38	515	9,522	38
		<u>P 113,783</u>	<u>P 103,181</u>	<u>P 115,393</u>	<u>P 85,014</u>	<u>P 83,442</u>
						<u>P 91,426</u>

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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2018, 2017 AND 2016
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos, Except Share and Per Share Data or As Indicated)

1. CORPORATE MATTERS

1.1 Incorporation and Operations

Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (the Parent Company, the Bank or RCBC), a universal bank engaged in all aspects of banking, was originally incorporated on September 23, 1960. The Bank renewed its corporate existence on December 10, 2009. It provides products and services related to traditional loans and deposits, trade finance, domestic and foreign fund transfers or remittance, cash management, treasury, and trust and custodianship services. Under relevant authority granted by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), the Bank is also licensed to deal in different types of derivatives products such as, but not limited, to foreign currency forwards, interest rate swaps and cross currency swaps. The Parent Company and its subsidiaries (together hereinafter referred to as the Group) are engaged in all aspects of traditional banking, investment banking, retail financing (credit cards, auto loans, mortgage/housing and microfinance loans), remittance, leasing and stock brokering.

As a banking institution, the Group's operations are regulated and supervised by the BSP. As such, the Group is required to comply with banking rules and regulations such as those relating to maintenance of reserve requirements on deposit liabilities and deposit substitutes and those relating to the adoption and use of safe and sound banking practices, among others, as promulgated by the BSP. The Group's activities are subject to the provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 8791, the *General Banking Law of 2000*, and other related banking laws.

The Parent Company's common shares are listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

The Group's and the Parent Company's banking network within and outside the Philippines as of December 31 follows:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Automated teller machines (ATMs)	1,593	1,562	1,136	1,103
Branches	497	473	330	306
Extension offices	12	35	2	25

RCBC is a 41.56%-owned subsidiary of Pan Malayan Management and Investment Corporation (PMMIC), a company incorporated and domiciled in the Philippines. PMMIC is the holding company of the flagship institutions of the Yuchengco Group of Companies (YGC), with registered business address at 48th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue cor. Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City. As of December 31, 2018, Cathay Life Insurance Corporation (Cathay) also owns 23.35% interest in RCBC.

The Parent Company's registered address, which is also its principal office, is at Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue cor. Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

1.2 Subsidiaries and Associates

The Parent Company holds ownership interests in the following subsidiaries and associates at the end of 2018 and 2017:

Subsidiaries/Associates	Line of Business	Explanatory Notes	Effective Percentage of Ownership	
			2018	2017
Subsidiaries:				
RCBC Savings Bank, Inc. (RSB)	Consumer and retail banking		100.00	100.00
RCBC Forex Brokers Corporation (RCBC Forex)	Foreign exchange dealing		100.00	100.00
RCBC Telemoney Europe (RCBC Telemoney)	Remittance		100.00	100.00
RCBC International Finance Limited (RCBC IFL)	Remittance		100.00	100.00
RCBC Investment Ltd.	Remittance	(a)	100.00	100.00
RCBC North America, Inc. (RCBC North America)	Remittance	(b)	-	100.00
RCBC Capital Corporation (RCBC Capital)	Investment house		99.96	99.96
RCBC Securities, Inc. (RSI)	Securities brokerage and dealing	(c)	99.96	99.96
RCBC Bankard Services Corporation (RBSC)	Credit card management	(c)	99.96	99.96
RCBC-JPL Holding Company, Inc. (RCBC JPL)	Property holding		99.41	99.41
Merchants Savings and Loan Association, Inc. (Rizal Microbank)	Thrift banking and microfinance		98.03	98.03
RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation (RCBC LFC)	Financial leasing	(d)	99.31	97.79
RCBC Rental Corporation	Property leasing	(d),(e)	99.31	97.79
Special Purpose Companies (SPCs):				
Best Value Property and Development Corporation (Best Value)			100.00	100.00
Cajel Realty Corporation (Cajel)			100.00	100.00
Crescent Park Property and Development Corporation (Crescent Park)			100.00	100.00
Crestview Properties Development Corporation (Crestview)			100.00	100.00
Eight Hills Property and Development Corporation (Eight Hills)			100.00	100.00
Gold Place Properties Development Corporation (Gold Place)			100.00	100.00
Goldpath Properties Development Corporation (Goldpath)			100.00	100.00
Greatwings Properties Development Corporation (Greatwings)			100.00	100.00
Lifeway Property and Development Corporation (Lifeway)			100.00	100.00
Niceview Property and Development Corporation (Niceview)			100.00	100.00
Niyog Property Holdings, Inc. (NPHI)		(g)	100.00	100.00
Princeway Properties Development Corporation (Princeway)			100.00	100.00
Top Place Properties Development Corporation (Top Place)			100.00	100.00

<u>Associates</u>	<u>Line of Business</u>	<u>Effective Percentage of Ownership</u>
Associates:		
YGC Corporate Services, Inc. (YCS)	Support services for YGC	40.00
Luisita Industrial Park Co. (LIPC)	Real estate buying, developing, selling and rental	35.00
Honda Cars Phils., Inc. (HCPI)	Sale of motor vehicles	12.88

Except for RCBC Telemoney (Italy), RCBC North America (USA), RCBC IFL (Hongkong) and RCBC Investment Ltd. (Hongkong), all other subsidiaries and associates are incorporated and conducting their businesses in the Philippines. RCBC Telemoney was operational only until March 1, 2016.

Explanatory Notes:

- (a) A wholly-owned subsidiary of RCBC IFL.
- (b) RCBC North America was dissolved in May 2018 after it has ceased its operations in March 2014 (see Note 12.1).
- (c) Wholly-owned subsidiaries of RCBC Capital.
- (d) The increase in ownership interest in RCBC LFC resulted from the issuance of shares of stock to the Parent Company after the former has secured in 2018 the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approval of its application for increase in authorized capital stock from which the subscriptions were made (see Note 12.1).
- (e) A wholly-owned subsidiary of RCBC LFC.
- (f) Except for NPHI, the SPCs are wholly-owned subsidiaries of RSB; the SPCs, except for NPHI and Cajel, will be liquidated in pursuant to BSP recommendation and upon receipt of necessary regulatory clearance (see Note 15.3).
- (g) The Parent Company has 48.11% direct ownership interest and 51.89% indirect ownership interest through RSB.

1.3 Plan of Merger

Pursuant to the Plan of Merger dated November 27, 2018 and as approved by the Board of Directors (BOD) of the Parent Company and RSB, RSB shall merge with the Parent Company, with the latter as the surviving entity. Subject to the issuance by the SEC of a Certificate of Merger with its prior approval, and the approval of the BSP and the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation, the merger shall become effective on July 1, 2019. The merger will involve the Parent Company acquiring the net assets of RSB in exchange for a number of shares of common stock to be determined based on a certain share exchange ratio to be agreed by both parties. The Plan of Merger was approved by the Parent Company's stockholders in their special meeting held on February 26, 2019.

1.4 Approval of Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements of RCBC and subsidiaries and the separate financial statements of RCBC as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018 (including the comparative financial statements as of December 31, 2017 and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016) were approved and authorized for issue by the BOD of the Parent Company on February 26, 2019.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these financial statements are summarized below. The accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, except when otherwise indicated.

2.1 *Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements*

(a) *Statement of Compliance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards*

The consolidated financial statements of the Group and the separate financial statements of the Parent Company have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS). PFRS are adopted by the Financial Reporting Standards Council (FRSC) from the pronouncements issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and approved by Philippine Board of Accountancy.

These financial statements have been prepared using the measurement bases specified by PFRS for each type of resource, liability, income and expense. The measurement bases are more fully described in the accounting policies that follow.

(b) *Presentation of Financial Statements*

The financial statements are presented in accordance with Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS) 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*. The Group presents all items of income and expenses in two statements: a “statement of profit or loss” and a “statement of comprehensive income.”

The Group presents a third statement of financial position as of the beginning of the preceding period when it applies an accounting policy retrospectively, or makes a retrospective restatement or reclassification of items that have a material effect on the information in the statement of financial position at the beginning of the preceding period. The related notes to the third statement of financial position are not required to be disclosed.

The Parent Company made retrospective changes in the statement of profit or loss for the year ended December 31, 2017 by presenting at net the interest income and interest expense related to the receiving and paying legs of derivative instruments resulting in P354 reclassification in the amount of Interest Income on Trading and Investment Securities account and Interest Expense on Bills Payable and Other Borrowings account, to conform with the current presentation. Other reclassifications in certain accounts under the Other Operating Expenses section were also made for comparative purposes.

(c) *Functional and Presentation Currency*

These financial statements are presented in Philippine pesos, the Group’s functional and presentation currency (see Note 2.16). All amounts are in millions, except share and per share data or when otherwise indicated.

Items included in the financial statements of the Group are measured using its functional currency. Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates.

2.2 Adoption of New and Amended PFRS

(a) Effective in 2018 that are Relevant to the Group

Except for the versions of PFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*, issued in 2009, 2010 and 2013 with date of initial application on January 1, 2014, which were early adopted by the Group on its 2014 financial statements, the Group adopted for the first time the following new PFRS, interpretation, amendments and improvements to PFRS, which are mandatorily effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018:

PAS 40 (Amendments)	:	Investment Property – Transfers of Investment Property
PFRS 9	:	Financial Instruments*
PFRS 15	:	Revenue from Contracts with Customers; Clarifications to PFRS 15
Philippine Interpretation International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) 22	:	Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration
Annual Improvements to PFRS (2014 - 2016 Cycle)	:	
PAS 28	:	Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Measuring an Associate or Joint Venture at Fair Value

**Adopted by the Group for the first time in 2018 with respect to fair value measurement of eligible debt securities through other comprehensive income and application of expected credit loss (ECL) model in assessing impairment of financial instruments.*

Discussed below are the relevant information about these new PFRS, interpretations, amendments and improvements.

- (i) PAS 40 (Amendments), *Investment Property – Transfers of Investment Property*. The amendments state that an entity shall transfer a property to, or from, investment property when, and only when, there is evidence of a change in use. A change of use occurs if property meets, or ceases to meet, the definition of investment property. A change in management's intentions for the use of a property by itself does not constitute evidence of a change in use. The amendments also provided a non-exhaustive list of examples constituting change in use. The application of these amendments has no impact on the Group's financial statements as there were no reclassifications made to and from investment property during the year.
- (ii) PFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*. This new standard on financial instruments replaced PAS 39, *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, and PFRS 9 issued in 2009, 2010 and 2013. In addition to the principal classification categories for financial assets and financial liabilities and the new general hedge accounting model, which were early adopted by the Group on January 1, 2014, PFRS 9 includes the following major provisions:
 - limited amendments to the classification and measurement requirements for financial assets introducing a fair value measurement through other comprehensive income for eligible debt securities; and,

- an ECL model in determining impairment of all debt financial assets that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), including loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts which generally depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition of a financial asset.

In relation to the adoption of PFRS 9, the Group adopted the financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) business model at January 1, 2018, which resulted in certain debt securities reclassified from financial assets at FVPL and at amortized cost to FVOCI category. As also allowed under PFRS 9, certain equity securities were designated at FVOCI and other reclassifications between categories of financial assets were also made by the Group.

With respect to impairment of financial assets, PFRS 9 requires an ECL model replacing the incurred credit loss model under PAS 39. It is no longer required for a credit event to have occurred before credit losses are recognized. The ECL model requires the Group to account for ECL and changes in those ECL at the end of each reporting period to reflect changes in the credit risk of the financial assets since initial recognition. These resulted in the recognition of additional allowance for ECL as at January 1, 2018 on the Group's financial assets measured at amortized cost or at FVOCI, together with loan commitments.

As allowed and in accordance with the transitional provisions of this new standard, the Group applied the modified retrospective application in adopting PFRS 9. Accordingly, comparative figures have not been restated but the Group has provided the related transition disclosure requirements under PFRS 7, *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*.

The following tables show the effects of the adoption of PFRS 9 on the carrying amounts and presentation of certain affected accounts in the statement of financial position as of January 1, 2018:

	Group					
	Investment Securities at FVPL	FVOCI	Amortized Cost	Loans and Receivables	Deferred Tax Assets	Other Liabilities
Balance at December 31, 2017 under PAS 39/PFRS 9	P 7,591	P 5,363	P 59,978	P 354,243	P 1,896	P 12,369
Reclassification of financial assets to (from):						
Debt securities from FVPL to FVOCI (a)	(105)	105	-	-	-	-
Quoted equity securities from FVPL to FVOCI (a)	(302)	302	-	-	-	-
Unquoted equity securities from FVPL to FVOCI (a)	(543)	543	-	-	-	-
Debt securities from FVPL to amortized cost (b)	(51)	-	54	-	-	-
Debt securities from amortized cost to FVOCI (c)	-	310	(315)	-	-	-
	(1,001)	1,260	(261)	-	-	-
Allowance/provisions for ECL:						
Loans and receivables (e)	-	-	-	(1,680)	(124)	-
Investment securities at amortized cost (d)	-	-	(21)	-	-	-
Loan commitments (f)	-	-	-	-	-	107
	-	-	(21)	(1,680)	(124)	107
Total impact of adoption of PFRS 9	(1,001)	1,260	(282)	(1,680)	(124)	107
Balance at January 1, 2018 under PFRS 9	P 6,590	P 6,623	P 59,696	P 352,563	P 1,772	P 12,476

		Parent					
		Investment Securities at					
		FVPL	FVOCI	Amortized Cost	Loans and Receivables	Investments in Subsidiaries and Associates	Other Liabilities
Balance at December 31, 2017 under PAS 39/PFRS 9		P 6,553	P 3,439	P 48,141	P 265,791	P 19,018	P 8,134
Reclassification of financial assets to (from):							
Quoted equity securities from FVPL to FVOCI	(a)	(147)	147	-	-	-	-
Unquoted equity securities from FVPL to FVOCI	(a)	(543)	543	-	-	-	-
Debt securities from FVPL to amortized cost	(b)	(51)	-	54	-	-	-
		(741)	690	54	-	-	-
Allowance/provisions for ECL:							
Loans and receivables	(c)	-	-	-	(1,959)	143	-
Investment securities at amortized cost	(d)	-	-	(10)	-	-	-
Loan commitments	(f)	-	-	-	-	-	107
		-	-	(10)	(1,959)	143	107
Total impact of adoption of PFRS 9		(741)	690	44	(1,959)	143	107
Balance at January 1, 2018 under PFRS 9		<u>P 5,812</u>	<u>P 4,129</u>	<u>P 48,185</u>	<u>P 263,832</u>	<u>P 19,161</u>	<u>P 8,241</u>

The effects of the adoption of PFRS 9 on the equity accounts presented in the statement of changes in equity as of January 1, 2018 follow:

		Group			
		Effects on			
		Surplus	Revaluation Reserves	General Loan Loss Reserves	Non-controlling interests
Balance at December 31, 2017 under PAS 39/PFRS 9		P 28,049	P 1,974	P -	P 28
Impact of adoption of PFRS 9:					
Remeasurement of reclassified financial assets					
Unquoted equity securities from FVPL to FVOCI	(a)	(461)	461	-	-
Debt securities from FVPL to amortized cost	(b)	3	-	-	-
Debt securities from amortized cost to FVOCI	(c)	-	(5)	-	-
Increase in allowance for ECL on loans and receivables	(e)	(1,677)	-	-	(3)
Increase in allowance for ECL on debt securities at amortized cost	(d)	(21)	-	-	-
Appropriation of surplus for general loan loss reserves	(e)	(2,227)	-	2,227	-
Tax effect on loan loss reserves	(e)	(124)	-	-	-
Recognition of ECL on loan commitments	(f)	(107)	-	-	-
		(4,614)	456	2,227	(3)
Balance at January 1, 2018 under PFRS 9		<u>P 23,435</u>	<u>P 2,430</u>	<u>P 2,227</u>	<u>P 25</u>

	Parent Company		
	Surplus	Effects on Revaluation Reserves	General Loan Loss Reserves
Balance at December 31, 2017 under PAS 39/ PFRS 9	P 27,924	P 1,974	P -
Impact of adoption of PFRS 9:			
Remeasurement of reclassified financial assets			
Unquoted equity securities from FVPL to FVOCI (a)	(429)	429	-
Debt securities from FVPL to amortized cost (b)	3	-	-
Increase in allowance for ECL on loans and receivables (c)	(1,959)	-	-
Increase in allowance for ECL on debt securities at amortized cost (d)	(10)	-	-
Appropriation of surplus for general loan loss reserves (e)	(1,793)	-	1,793
Recognition of ECL on loan commitments (f)	(107)	-	-
Net impact on subsidiaries' financial statements	<u>116</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>-</u>
	(4,179)	456	1,793
Balance at January 1, 2018 under PFRS 9	<u>P 23,745</u>	<u>P 2,430</u>	<u>P 1,793</u>

The nature and details of the changes in the foregoing financial statements accounts arising from the adoption of PFRS 9 are fully discussed below.

(a) *Investment securities reclassified from FVPL to FVOCI*

The Group elected to present in other comprehensive income changes in the fair value of certain investment securities previously classified as at FVPL because these investments are held for long-term strategic investments that are not expected to be sold in the short-to-medium term. As a result, certain debt and equity securities with total fair value of P950 and P690 for the Group and Parent Company, respectively, were reclassified from FVPL to FVOCI and the accumulated fair value gains on those assets amounting to P461 and P429 for the Group and Parent Company, respectively, were reclassified from Surplus to Revaluation Reserves account.

(b) *Debt security reclassified from FVPL to amortized cost*

A certain foreign corporate bond of the Parent Company with fair value of P51 at January 1, 2018, which is no longer held for trading and which is held by the Parent Company for collection of contractual cash flows representing solely payments of principal and interest was reclassified from investment securities at FVPL to investment securities at amortized cost, with the fair value loss amounting to P3, previously recognized in profit or loss, adjusted as an addition to Surplus account.

(c) *Debt securities reclassified from amortized cost to FVOCI*

Debt securities with total carrying amount of P315 were reclassified to FVOCI as the assets are now held by the Group with the objective of collecting the contractual cash flows and selling in the future for liquidity purposes. The assets have fair value of P310 upon reclassification on January 1, 2018 with fair value losses of P5 adjusted to the opening balance of Revaluation Reserve account.

(d) *Expected credit losses on investment in debt securities*

All of the Group's investment in debt securities classified at amortized cost and FVOCI are considered to have low credit risk, and the loss allowance recognized was therefore limited to 12-month expected credit loss. Management considers 'low credit risk' for listed and government bonds to be an investment grade credit rating with at least one reputable rating agency. Other instruments are considered to have low credit risk when they have a low risk of default and the issuer has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term. Additional allowance for ECL recognized on these debt securities as at January 1, 2018 amounted to P21 and P10 for the Group and Parent Company, respectively, adjusted against the opening balance of Surplus account.

(e) *Expected credit losses on loans and receivables*

The Group has subjected its loans and receivables portfolio as at January 1, 2018 to ECL calculation, which resulted in the recognition of additional allowance for ECL for specific loan accounts amounting to P1,677 and P1,959 for the Group and Parent Company, respectively, with adjustment charged against the opening balance of Surplus. In addition, as required by the BSP, the Group and the Parent Company has appropriated from its Surplus an amount of P2,227 and P1,793, respectively, to General Loan Loss Reserves account reported as a separate component in the statements of changes in equity (see Note 23.5). This appropriation represents the excess of the one percent required allowance for credit losses of the BSP over the computed allowance for ECL. These adjustments also resulted in the derecognition of deferred tax asset amounting to P124 recognized by a certain subsidiary on certain loss allowance provided in prior years; hence, affected the carrying amount of the Parent Company's Investments in Subsidiaries and Associates account.

(f) *Exposures at default on loan commitments*

Based on the Parent Company's outstanding lending commitments, management determines the exposures at default related to the future amounts that may be drawn based on historical observations of actual drawdowns and forward-looking forecasts. Required provisions for ECL related to undrawn loan commitments at January 1, 2018 amounted to P107 and is recognized at transition date as part of Other Liabilities account.

- (iii) PFRS 15, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, together with the *Clarifications to PFRS 15* (herein referred to as PFRS 15). This standard replaced PAS 18, *Revenue*, and PAS 11, *Construction Contracts*, the related Interpretations on revenue recognition: IFRIC 13, *Customer Loyalty Programmes*, IFRIC 15, *Agreement for the Construction of Real Estate*, IFRIC 18, *Transfers of Assets from Customers* and Standing Interpretations Committee 31, *Revenue – Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services*, effective January 1, 2018. This new standard establishes a comprehensive framework for determining when to recognize revenue and how much revenue to recognize. The core principle in this standard is for an entity to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to the customer in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

In applying this new standard, the Group is required to account for revenue arising from contracts with customers following the five-step model as follows:

- (a) identify the contract with a customer;
- (b) identify the performance obligations;
- (c) determine the transaction price;
- (d) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations; and,
- (e) recognize revenue when (or as) performance obligations are satisfied.

Management determined that except for gains arising from sale of non-financial assets, certain service charges, commissions and fees, substantial amount of the Group's revenues are generated from financial instruments, which are outside the scope of PFRS 15. For those revenues under the scope of PFRS 15, recognition and measurement did not vary significantly from PAS 18.

In addition, prior to January 1, 2018, the Parent Company accounted for its rewards program with cardholders related to its credit-card operations in accordance with IFRIC 13 which required the Parent Company to allocate a certain portion of the interchange fees it receives from the participating merchants to the loyalty credits awarded to the cardholders for credit card purchase transactions. The Parent Company had assessed that the award credits give rise to a separate deliverable or performance obligation. Consistent with the requirements under PFRS 15, the component of interchange fees allocated to the loyalty points is recognized as revenue upon fulfilment of the obligation (i.e., actual redemption of the award credits by the cardholders). Until the cardholders redeemed the loyalty points, the Parent Company recognizes a liability related to the estimated loyalty points earned by the cardholders but are not yet redeemed as of the end of the reporting period.

The adoption of PFRS 15 has resulted in changes in the Group's accounting policies (see Note 2.14). The Group has applied the new standard retrospectively without restatement, with the cumulative effect of initial application, if any, recognized as an adjustment to the opening balance of Surplus at January 1, 2018. The adoption of PFRS 15 did not result in material adjustments in the financial statements of the Group at the date of initial application.

- (iv) IFRIC 22, *Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration*. The Interpretation provides more detailed guidance on how to account for transactions that include the receipt or payment of advance consideration in a foreign currency. The Interpretation states that the date of the transaction, for the purpose of determining the exchange rate, is the date of initial recognition of the non-monetary asset (arising from advance payment) or liability (arising from advance receipt). If there are multiple payments or receipts in advance, a date of transaction is established for each payment or receipt. The adoption of this Interpretation did not have impact on the Group's financial statements as the Group has been accounting for its foreign currency-denominated transactions involving advance consideration consistent with this Interpretation.
- (v) Annual Improvements to PFRS 2014 - 2016 Cycle. Among the improvements, PAS 28 (Amendments), *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Measuring an Associate or Joint Venture at Fair Value*, is relevant to the Group. The amendments clarify that the option for venture capital organization, mutual funds and other similar entities to elect the fair value through profit or loss classification in measuring investments in associates and joint ventures shall be made at initial recognition, separately for each associate or joint venture. The Group's accounting for its investments in associates is not affected by these amendments.

(b) *Effective in 2018 that are not Relevant to Group*

The following amendments to existing standards are mandatorily effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018 but are not relevant to the Group's financial statements:

PFRS 2 (Amendments)	:	Share-based Payment – Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions
PFRS 4 (Amendments)	:	Insurance Contracts – Applying PFRS 9 with PFRS 4, <i>Insurance Contracts</i>

(c) *Effective Subsequent to 2018 but not Adopted Early*

There are new PFRS, amendments and annual improvements, and interpretations to existing standards effective for annual periods subsequent to 2018, which are adopted by the FRSC. Management will adopt the following relevant pronouncements in accordance with their transitional provisions; and, unless otherwise stated, none of these are expected to have significant impact on the Group's financial statements:

- (i) PAS 19 (Amendments), *Employee Benefits – Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement* (effective January 1, 2019). The amendments require the use of updated actuarial assumptions to determine current service cost and net interest for the remainder of the annual reporting period after the plan amendment, curtailment or settlement when the entity remeasures its net defined benefit liability or asset.

- (ii) PAS 28 (Amendments), *Investment in Associates – Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures* (effective from January 1, 2019). The amendments clarify that the scope exclusion in PFRS 9 applies only to ownership interests accounted for using the equity method. Thus, the amendments further clarify that long term interests in an associate or joint venture to which the equity method is not applied must be accounted for under PFRS 9, which shall also include long term interests that, in substance, form part of the entity's net investment in an associate or joint venture.
- (iii) PFRS 9 (Amendments), *Financial Instruments – Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation* (effective from January 1, 2019). The amendments clarify that prepayment features with negative compensation attached to financial instruments may still qualify under the solely payment of principal and interest (SPPI) test on the principal amount outstanding. As such, the financial assets containing prepayment features with negative compensation may still be classified at amortized cost or at FVOCI.
- (iv) PFRS 10 (Amendments), *Consolidated Financial Statements, and PAS 28 (Amendments), Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture* (effective date deferred indefinitely). The amendments to PFRS 10 require full recognition in the investor's financial statements of gains or losses arising on the sale or contribution of assets that constitute a business as defined in PFRS 3, *Business Combinations*, between an investor and its associate or joint venture. Accordingly, the partial recognition of gains or losses (i.e., to the extent of the unrelated investor's interests in an associate or joint venture) only applies to those sale or contribution of assets that do not constitute a business. Corresponding amendments have been made to PAS 28 to reflect these changes. In addition, PAS 28 has been amended to clarify that when determining whether assets that are sold or contributed constitute a business, an entity shall consider whether the sale or contribution of those assets is part of multiple arrangements that should be accounted for as a single transaction.
- (v) PFRS 16, *Leases* (effective from January 1, 2019). This new standard will eventually replace PAS 17, *Leases*. For lessees, it requires to account for leases "on-balance sheet" by recognizing a "right of use" asset and a lease liability. The lease liability is initially measured as the present value of future lease payments. For this purpose, lease payments include fixed, non-cancellable payments for lease elements, amounts due under residual value guarantees, certain types of contingent payments and amounts due during optional periods to the extent that extension is reasonably certain.

In subsequent periods, the "right-of-use" asset is accounted for similarly to a purchased asset subject to depreciation or amortization. The lease liability is accounted for similarly to a financial liability using the effective interest method. However, the new standard provides important reliefs or exemptions for short-term leases and leases of low value assets. If these exemptions are used, the accounting is similar to operating lease accounting under PAS 17, where lease payments are recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term or another systematic basis (if more representative of the pattern of the lessee's benefit).

For lessors, lease accounting is similar to PAS 17's. In particular, the distinction between finance and operating leases is retained. The definitions of each type of lease, and the supporting indicators of a finance lease, are substantially the same with those applied in PAS 17. The basic accounting mechanics are also similar, but with some different or more explicit guidance in few areas. These include variable payments, sub-leases, lease modifications, treatment of initial direct costs and lessor disclosures.

Management is currently in the process of determining the impact of PFRS 16 and has initially assessed that the application of this new standard would likely result in significant adjustment to the reported resources and liabilities of the Group to account for its long-term leases.

- (vi) IFRIC 23, *Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments* (effective from January 1, 2019). The interpretation provides clarification on the determination of taxable profit, tax bases, unused tax losses, unused tax credits, and tax rates when there is uncertainty over income tax treatments. The core principle of the interpretation requires the Group to consider the probability of the tax treatment being accepted by the tax authority. When it is probable that the tax treatment will be accepted, the determination of the taxable profit, tax bases, unused tax losses, unused tax credits, and tax rates shall be on the basis of the accepted tax treatment. Otherwise, the Group has to use the most likely amount or the expected value, depending on the surrounding circumstances, in determining the tax accounts identified immediately above.
- (vii) Annual Improvements to PFRS 2015 - 2017 Cycle. Among the improvements effective January 1, 2019, the following are relevant to the Group:
- PAS 12 (Amendments), *Income Taxes – Tax Consequences of Dividends*. The amendments clarify that all income tax consequence of dividend payments should be recognized in profit or loss.
 - PAS 23 (Amendments), *Borrowing Costs – Eligibility for Capitalization*. The amendments clarify that when a specific borrowing remains outstanding after the related qualifying asset is ready for its intended purpose, such borrowing will then form part of an entity's general borrowings used in calculating the capitalization rate for capitalization purposes.
 - PFRS 3 (Amendments), *Business Combinations* and PFRS 11 (Amendments), *Joint Arrangements – Remeasurement of Previously Held Interests in a Joint Operation*. The amendments clarify that previously held interest in a joint operation shall be remeasured when the Group obtains control of the business. On the other hand, previously held interests in a joint operation shall not be remeasured when the Group obtains joint control of the business.
- (viii) Amendments to PFRS 3, *Business Combinations – Definition of Business* (effective January 1, 2020). The amendments clarify the definition of a business by providing a new framework for determining whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. The amendments also clarify the minimum requirements to be a business, remove the assessment of a market participant's ability to replace missing elements, and narrow the definition of outputs.

- (ix) Amendments to PAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*, and PAS 8, *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors – Definition of Material* (effective January 1, 2020). The amendments clarify the definition of ‘materiality’ in PAS 1 and how it should be applied. The amendments also improve the explanations of the definition and ensure consistency across all PFRSs and other pronouncements.

2.3 *Basis of Consolidation and Accounting for Investments in Subsidiaries and Associates in the Separate Financial Statements*

The Group’s consolidated financial statements comprise the accounts of the Parent Company and its subsidiaries as enumerated in Note 1.2, after the elimination of material intercompany transactions. All intercompany resources and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions with subsidiaries are eliminated in full. Unrealized profits and losses from intercompany transactions that are recognized in assets are also eliminated in full. Intercompany losses that indicate impairment are recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared in the same reporting period as the Parent Company, using consistent accounting policies.

The Parent Company accounts for its investments in subsidiaries, associates, interests in jointly controlled operations and non-controlling interests as follows:

(a) Investments in Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when it has the power over the entity; it is exposed, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity; and, it has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date the Group obtains control.

The Parent Company’s investments in subsidiaries are initially recognized at cost and subsequently accounted for in its separate financial statements using the equity method. Under the equity method, all subsequent changes to the ownership interest in the equity of the subsidiaries are recognized in the Parent Company’s carrying amount of the investments. Changes resulting from the profit or loss generated by the subsidiaries are credited or charged against the Share in Net Earnings of Subsidiaries and Associates account in the statement of profit or loss.

These changes include subsequent depreciation, amortization, impairment and fair value adjustments of assets and liabilities. Dividends received are accounted for as reduction in the carrying value of the investment.

Changes resulting from items of other comprehensive income of the subsidiaries or items that have been directly recognized in the subsidiaries’ equity are recognized in other comprehensive income or equity, respectively, of the Parent Company. However, when the Parent Company’s share in losses of subsidiaries equals or exceeds its interest in the subsidiary, including any other unsecured receivables, the Parent Company does not recognize further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the subsidiary. If the subsidiary subsequently reports profits, the investor resumes recognizing its share of those profits only after its share of the profits exceeds the accumulated share of losses that has not been recognized previously.

Unrealized gains on transactions between the Parent Company and its subsidiaries are eliminated to the extent of the Parent Company's interest in the subsidiaries. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the assets that were transferred. Where necessary, accounting policies of subsidiaries are changed to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Parent Company.

The Parent Company reassesses whether or not it controls an entity if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of controls. Accordingly, entities are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

Acquired subsidiaries are subject to either of the following relevant policies:

(i) *Purchase method* – involves the revaluation at fair value of all identifiable assets and liabilities, including contingent liabilities of a subsidiary, at the acquisition date, regardless of whether or not they were recorded in the financial statements of a subsidiary prior to acquisition. On initial recognition, the assets and liabilities of a subsidiary are included in the consolidated statement of financial position at their revalued amounts, which are also used as the bases for subsequent measurement in accordance with the Group's accounting policies.

Goodwill represents the excess of acquisition cost over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets of the acquired subsidiary at the date of acquisition. On the other hand, negative goodwill represents the excess of the Group's share in the fair value of identifiable net assets of the subsidiary at the date of acquisition over acquisition cost and is recognized directly in profit or loss.

(ii) *Pooling of interest method* – is applicable for business combinations involving entities under common control. On initial recognition, the assets and liabilities of a subsidiary are included in the consolidated statement of financial position at their book values. Adjustments, if any, are recorded to achieve uniform accounting policies. The combining entities' results and financial positions are presented in the consolidated financial statements as if they had always been combined.

No goodwill or negative goodwill is recognized. Any difference between the cost of the investment and the subsidiary's identifiable net assets is recognized on consolidation in a separate reserve account under equity.

(b) *Investments in Associates*

Associates are those entities over which the Group is able to exert significant influence but which are neither subsidiaries nor interests in joint venture. In the consolidated financial statements, investments in associates are initially recognized at cost and subsequently accounted for using the equity method. Under the equity method, the Group recognizes in profit or loss its share in the net earnings or losses of the associates. The cost of the investment is increased or decreased by the Group's equity in net earnings or losses of the associates since the date of acquisition. Dividends received are accounted for as reduction in the carrying value of the investment.

Acquired investments in associates are subject to purchase method of accounting as described in Note 2.3(a)(i). However, any goodwill that represents the excess of identifiable net assets of the acquiree at the date of acquisition or fair value adjustment attributable to the Group's share in the associate is included in the amount recognized as investments in associates. All subsequent changes to the ownership of interest in the equity of the associate are recognized in the Group's carrying amount of the investment. Changes resulting from the profit or loss generated by the associate are credited against Share in Net Earnings of Subsidiaries and Associates account in the Group's statement of profit or loss. These changes include subsequent depreciation, amortization, impairment, and fair value adjustments of assets and liabilities.

Changes resulting from items of other comprehensive income of the associate or items that have been directly recognized in the associate's equity are recognized in other comprehensive income or equity, respectively, of the Group. However, when the Group's share in losses of an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Group does not recognize further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate. If the associate subsequently reports profits, the investor resumes recognizing its share of those profits only after its share of the profits exceeds the accumulated share of losses that has not been recognized previously.

Unrealized gains on transactions between the Group and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associates. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the assets that were transferred. Where necessary, accounting policies of associates are changed to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

The Group reassesses whether or not an entity qualifies as an associate in the occurrence of changes to facts and circumstances surrounding its ability to exert significant influence.

(c) *Interest in Jointly Controlled Operations*

For interests in jointly controlled operations, the Group recognizes in its financial statements the assets that it controls, the liabilities and the expenses that it incurs and its share in the income from the sale of goods or services by the joint venture. The amounts of these related accounts are presented as part of the regular asset and liability accounts and income and expense accounts of the Group.

No adjustment or other consolidation procedures are required for the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of the joint venture that are recognized in the separate financial statements of the venturers.

(d) *Transactions with Non-controlling Interests*

Non-controlling interests (NCI) represent the portion of the net assets and profit or loss not attributable to the Group. The Group applies a policy of treating transactions with NCI as transactions with parties external to the Group. Disposals to NCI result in gains and losses for the Group that are recorded in profit or loss. Purchases of equity shares from NCI may result in goodwill, being the difference between any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired in the carrying value of the net assets of a subsidiary.

In the consolidated financial statements, the NCI component is shown as part of the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

In the Parent Company's financial statements, impairment loss is provided when there is objective evidence that the investments in subsidiaries and associates will not be recovered (see Note 2.17).

2.4 Segment Reporting

A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in providing products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of other business segments. A geographical segment is a segment engaged in providing products or services within a particular economic environment that is subject to risks and returns that are different from those of segments operating in other economic environments.

The Group's operations are structured according to the nature of the services provided (primary segment) and different geographical markets served (secondary segment). Financial information on business segments is presented in Note 8.

2.5 Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. For purposes of classifying financial instrument, an instrument is considered as an equity instrument if it is non-derivative and meets the definition of equity for the issuer in accordance with the criteria under PAS 32, *Financial Instruments: Presentation*. All other non-derivative financial instruments are treated as debt instruments.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace are recognized on the settlement date. Deposits, amounts due to banks and customers, and loans are recognized when cash is received by the Group or advanced to the borrowers.

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset or financial liability at its fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at FVPL, transaction costs such as fees and commissions that are incremental or directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs of financial assets and financial liabilities carried at FPVL are expensed in profit or loss.

(a) Classification and Measurement of Financial Assets

The classification and measurement of financial assets is driven by the Group's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The Group's classification and measurement of financial assets are described below.

(i) Financial Assets at Amortized Cost

Financial assets are measured at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- the financial asset is held within the Group's business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows ("hold to collect or HTC"); and,

- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are SPPI on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets meeting these criteria are measured initially at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for ECL.

Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows, the Group assesses whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent SPPI. In making this assessment, the Group considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with basic lending arrangement, i.e., interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at FVPL.

The Group's financial assets measured at amortized cost include those presented in the statement of financial position as Cash and Other Cash Items, Due from BSP, Due from Other Banks, Loans Arising from Reverse Repurchase Agreements, Investment securities at amortized cost under Trading and Investment Securities, Loans and Receivables and certain Other Resources accounts.

For purposes of cash flows reporting and presentation, cash equivalents comprise of accounts with original maturities of three months or less, including non-restricted balances of Due from BSP, Due from Other Banks, Loans Arising from Reverse Repurchase Agreements, and Interbank loans receivables (part of Loans and Receivables). Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash comprises cash and other cash items and demand deposits.

The Group may irrevocably elect at initial recognition to classify a financial asset that meets the amortized cost criteria as at FVPL if that designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch had the financial asset been measured at amortized cost. In 2018 and 2017, the Group has not made such designation.

(ii) Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income

Beginning January 1, 2018, financial asset is classified and measured at FVOCI if both of the following conditions are met:

- the financial asset is held under a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling ("hold to collect and sell"); and,
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are SPPI on the principal amount outstanding.

At initial recognition, the Group can make an irrevocable election (on an instrument-by-instrument basis) to designate equity investments as at FVOCI; however, such designation is not permitted if the equity investment is held by the Group for trading or a contingent consideration recognized arising from a business combination. Upon adoption of PFRS 9 at January 1, 2018, the Parent Company has designated equity instruments not held for trading into this category.

After initial recognition, financial assets at FVOCI are subsequently measured at fair value, with no deduction for any disposal costs. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value, including the foreign exchange component, are recognized in other comprehensive income, net of any effects arising from income taxes, and are reported as part of Revaluation Reserves account in equity. Upon disposal, the cumulative fair value gains or losses on equity investments previously recognized in the Revaluation Reserves account is not reclassified to profit or loss, but is reclassified directly to Surplus account, while the cumulative fair value gains or losses for debt securities are reclassified to profit or loss.

Any dividends earned on holding equity instruments are recognized in profit or loss as part of Miscellaneous under Other Operating Income account, when the Group's right to receive dividends is established, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the dividend will flow to the Group, and the amount of the dividend can be reliably measured, unless the dividends clearly represent recovery of a part of the cost of the investment.

Prior to January 1, 2018, the Group's financial assets at FVOCI only include equity investments designated into this category with gains and losses arising from such instruments accounted for similarly with the equity instruments under PFRS 9. There is no FVOCI classification that is available for debt securities prior to January 1, 2018.

(iii) Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

Debt instruments that do not meet the amortized cost criteria, or that meet the criteria but the Group has chosen to designate as at FVPL at initial recognition, or those that do not qualify under the FVOCI or "hold to collect and sell" business model, are measured at FVPL. Equity investments are classified as financial assets at FVPL, unless the Group designates an equity investment that is not held for trading as at FVOCI at initial recognition. The Group's financial assets at FVPL include government securities, corporate debt securities, equity securities, derivative instruments, which are held for trading purposes or designated as at FVPL.

A financial asset is considered as held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term;
- on initial recognition, it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Group manages together and has evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or,
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument or financial guarantee.

Financial assets at FVPL are measured at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses arising from changes (mark-to-market) in the fair value of the financial assets at FVPL category and realized gains or losses arising from disposals of these instruments are included in Trading and Securities Gains under Other Operating Income account in the statement of profit or loss.

Interest earned on these investments is reported in profit or loss under Interest Income account while dividend income is reported in profit or loss under Miscellaneous included in Other Operating Income account when the right of payment has been established.

(b) Recognition of Interest Income Using Effective Interest Rate Method

Interest income on financial assets measured at amortized cost and all interest-bearing debt financial assets classified as at FVPL, or at FVOCI (beginning January 1, 2018), is recognized using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

The effective interest rate is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition, fees and costs that are an integral part of effective interest rate. The Group recognizes interest income using a rate of return that represents the best estimate of a constant rate of return over the expected life of the instrument; hence, it recognizes the effect of potentially different interest rates charged at various stages, and other characteristics of the product life cycle (including prepayments, penalty interest and charges).

If expectations regarding the cash flows on the financial asset are revised for reasons other than credit risk, the adjustment is booked as a positive or negative adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset with an increase or reduction in interest income.

The Group calculates interest income by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial assets, except for those that are subsequently identified as credit-impaired and or are purchased or originated credit-impaired assets.

For financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the net carrying amount of the financial assets (after deduction of the loss allowance). If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, the calculation of interest income reverts to gross basis. For financial assets that were credit-impaired on initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying a credit-adjusted effective interest rate to the amortized cost of the asset. The calculation of interest income does not revert to a gross basis even if the credit risk of the asset subsequently improves.

(c) Reclassification of Financial Assets

The Group can only reclassify financial assets if the objective of its business model for managing those financial assets changes. Accordingly, the Group is required to reclassify financial assets: (i) from amortized cost to FVPL, if the objective of the business model changes so that the amortized cost criteria are no longer met; and, (ii) from FVPL to amortized cost, if the objective of the business model changes so that the amortized cost criteria start to be met and the characteristic of the instrument's contractual cash flows meet the amortized cost criteria.

A change in the objective of the Group's business model will be effected only at the beginning of the next reporting period following the change in the business model.

(d) *Impairment of Financial Assets under PFRS 9 Beginning January 1, 2018*

The Group recognizes a loss allowance for ECL on all financial assets that are measured at amortized cost and debt instruments classified as at FVOCI, as well as financial guarantee and loan commitments. Equity securities, either measured as at FVTPL or designated as at FVOCI, are not subject to impairment.

The Group measures the ECL of a financial asset in such manner that reflects: (i) the time value of money; and, (ii) reasonable and supportable information about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions that affect the collectability of the future cash flows of the financial assets.

The amount of allowance for ECL is updated at the end of each reporting period to reflect the changes in credit risk of the financial asset since initial recognition. The Group recognizes lifetime ECL when there has been a significant increase in credit risk (SICR) since initial recognition. However, if the credit risk on the financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month ECL. Lifetime ECL represents the expected credit losses that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

The Group's ECL model follows a three-stage impairment approach, which guide in the determination of the loss allowance to be recognized in the financial statements. The staging of financial assets and definition of default for purposes of determining ECL are further discussed in Note 4.4.

ECL is a function of the probability of default (PD), loss-given default (LGD), and exposure-at-default (EAD), with the timing of the loss also considered, and is estimated by incorporating forward-looking economic information and through the use of experienced credit judgement. These elements are discussed more fully in Note 4.4.

The Group calculates ECL either on an individual or a collective basis. For modelling ECL parameters which were carried out on a collective basis, the financial instruments are grouped on the basis of shared credit risk characteristics, such as but not limited to instrument type, credit risk rating, collateral type, product type, historical net charge-offs, industry type, and geographical locations of the borrowers or counterparties.

The Group applies a simplified ECL approach for its accounts receivables wherein the Group uses a provision matrix that considers historical changes in the behavior of the portfolio of credit exposures based on internally collected data to predict conditions over the span of a given observation period. These receivables includes claims from various counterparties, which are not originated through the Group's lending activities. For these instruments, the Group measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime ECL.

The Group recognizes an impairment loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments subjected to ECL impairment assessment with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account. With respect to investments in debt securities that are measured at FVOCI, the related loss allowance account is recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the Revaluation Reserve account, and does not reduce the carrying amount of the financial asset in the statement of financial position. For loan commitments, the loss allowance is recognized as provisions (presented and included as part of Other Liabilities account in the statement of financial position). Where a financial instrument includes a drawn and undrawn component, and the Group cannot identify the ECL on the loan commitment component separately from those on the drawn commitment; the Group presents a combined allowance for ECL for both components. The combined amount is presented as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the drawn component. Any excess of the loss allowance over the gross amount of the drawn component is presented as provisions.

(e) *Impairment of Financial Assets under PAS 39 Prior to January 1, 2018*

The Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a loss event) and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial assets or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

Objective evidence that a financial asset or group of assets is impaired includes observable data that comes to the attention of the Group about the following loss events:

- (i) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor;
- (ii) a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- (iii) the Group granting the borrower, for economic or legal reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, a concession that the lender would not otherwise consider;
- (iv) it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization;
- (v) the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties; or,
- (vi) observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a group of financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual financial assets in the group, including: adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers in the group, or national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the group.

The Group recognizes impairment loss based on the category of financial assets as follows:

(i) *Financial Assets Carried at Amortized Cost*

For financial assets classified and measured at amortized cost, the Group first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant and individually or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognized are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment for individually assessed financial assets has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognized in profit or loss. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract. As a practical expedient, the Group may measure impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price.

The calculation of the present value of the estimated future cash flows of a collateralized financial asset reflects the cash flows that may result from foreclosure less costs for obtaining and selling the collateral, whether or not foreclosure is probable.

For the purpose of collective evaluation of impairment for loans and receivables, financial assets are grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics (i.e., on the basis of the Group's grading process that considers asset type, industry, geographical location, collateral type, past-due status and other relevant factors). Those characteristics are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows for groups of such assets by being indicative of the debtors' ability to pay all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the assets being evaluated.

Future cash flows in a group of financial assets that are collectively evaluated for impairment are estimated on the basis of the contractual cash flows of the assets in the group and historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to those in the group. Historical loss experience is adjusted on the basis of current observable data to reflect the effects of current conditions that did not affect the period on which the historical loss experience is based and to remove the effects of conditions in the historical period that do not exist currently.

Estimates of changes in future cash flows for groups of assets should reflect and be directionally consistent with changes in related observable data from period to period (for example, changes in unemployment rates, property prices, payment status, or other factors indicative of changes in the probability of losses in the group and their magnitude). The methodology and assumptions used for estimating future cash flows are reviewed regularly by the Group to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

When possible, the Group seeks to restructure loans rather than to take possession of the collateral. This may involve extending the payment arrangement and agreement for new loan conditions. Once the terms have been renegotiated, the loan is no longer considered past due. Management continuously reviews restructured loans to ensure that all criteria evidencing the good quality of the loan are met and that future payments are likely to occur. The loans continue to be subject to an individual or collective impairment assessment, calculated using the loan's original effective interest rate. The difference between the recorded sale of the original loan and the present value of the restructured cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate, is recognized as part of Impairment Losses account in profit or loss.

When a loan or receivable is determined to be uncollectible, it is written-off against the related allowance for impairment. Such loan or receivable is written-off after all the prescribed procedures have been completed and the amount of the loss has been determined. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written-off are charged against the amount of impairment losses in profit or loss.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of profit or loss.

(ii) *Financial Assets Carried at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income*

For securities classified as FVOCI, the Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

In the case of equity investments, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is considered in determining whether the assets are impaired. If any such evidence exists for equity investments, the cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognized in profit or loss – is reclassified from Revaluation Reserves and recognized in profit or loss.

Impairment losses recognized in profit or loss on equity instruments are not reversed through profit or loss.

In the case of debt instruments, impairment is assessed based on the same criteria as financial assets carried at amortized cost. Future interest income is based on the reduced carrying amount and is accrued based on the rate of interest used to discount future cash flows for the purpose of measuring impairment loss. Such accrual is recorded as part of interest income in profit or loss. If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of such debt instruments increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

(f) *Financial Liabilities at Amortized Cost*

Financial liabilities including deposit liabilities, bills payable, bonds payable, subordinated debt, accrued interest and other expenses, and other liabilities (except derivatives with negative fair value, tax-related payables, post-employment defined benefit obligation and deferred income) are recognized initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, for those with maturities beyond one year, less settlement payments. All interest-related charges incurred on financial liabilities are recognized as an expense in the statement of profit or loss under the caption Interest Expense.

Deposit liabilities are stated at amounts in which they are to be paid. Interest is accrued periodically and recognized in a separate liability account before recognizing as part of deposit liabilities.

Bills payable, bonds payable and subordinated debt are recognized initially at fair value, which is the issue proceeds (fair value of consideration received), net of direct issue costs. These are subsequently measured at amortized cost; any difference between the proceeds net of transaction costs and the redemption value is recognized in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Dividend distributions to shareholders are recognized as financial liabilities when the dividends are declared by the Group and subject to the requirements of BSP Circular No. 888, *Amendments to Regulations on Dividend Declaration and Interest Payments on Tier 1 Capital Instruments*.

(g) *Derecognition of Financial Assets*

(i) *Modification of Loans*

When the Group derecognizes a financial asset through renegotiation or modification of the contractual payment terms of the loans due to significant credit distress of the borrower, the Group assesses whether or not the new terms are substantially different to the original terms of the instrument. In making such assessment, the Group considers, among others:

- if the borrower is in financial difficulty, whether the modification merely reduces the contractual cash flows to amounts the borrower is expected to be able to pay;
- whether any substantial new terms are introduced that will affect the risk profile of the loan;
- significant extension of the loan term when the borrower is not in financial difficulty;
- significant change in the interest rate;

- change in the currency the loan is denominated in; and/or,
- insertion of collateral, other security or credit enhancements that will significantly affect the credit risk associated with the loan.

If the terms are substantially different, the Group derecognizes the original financial asset and recognizes a new asset at fair value, and recalculates a new effective interest rate for the asset. The date of renegotiation is considered to be the date of initial recognition for impairment calculation, including for the purpose of determining whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred. However, the Group also assesses whether the new financial asset recognized is deemed to be credit-impaired at initial recognition, especially in circumstances where the renegotiation was driven by the debtor being unable to make the originally agreed payments. Differences in the carrying amount between the old financial asset derecognized and the fair value of the new financial asset are recognized as gain or loss in profit or loss upon derecognition. As to the impact on ECL measurement, the expected fair value of the new financial asset is treated as the final cash flow from the existing financial asset at the date of derecognition. Such amount is included in the calculation of cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset that are discounted from the expected date of derecognition to the reporting date using the original effective interest rate of the existing financial asset.

If the terms are not substantially different, the renegotiation or modification does not result in derecognition, and the Group recalculates the gross carrying amount based on the revised cash flows of the financial asset and recognizes the gain or loss arising from the modification in profit or loss. The new gross carrying amount is recalculated by discounting the modified cash flows of the original effective interest rate (or credit-adjusted effective interest rate for purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets).

As to the impact on ECL measurement, the derecognition of the existing financial asset will result in the expected cash flows arising from the modified financial asset to be included in the calculation of cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset.

(ii) Derecognition of Financial Assets Other than Modification

A financial asset (or where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of financial assets) is derecognized when the contractual rights to receive cash flows from the financial instruments expire, or when the financial assets and all substantial risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to another party. If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred financial asset, the Group recognizes its retained interest in the financial asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognize the financial asset and also recognizes a collateralized borrowing for the proceeds received.

(b) *Derecognition of Financial Liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognized from the statement of financial position only when the obligations are extinguished either through discharge, cancellation or expiration. Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or if the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and a recognition of the new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized as gain or loss in profit or loss.

(i) *Financial Guarantees and Undrawn Loan Commitments*

The Group issues financial guarantees and loan commitments. Financial guarantees are those issued by the Group to creditors as allowed under existing rules and regulations whereby it guarantees third party obligations by signing as guarantor in the contract or agreement. Undrawn loan commitments and letters of credit are commitments under which, over the duration of the commitment, the Group is required to provide a loan with pre-specified terms to the customer. The nominal contractual value of financial guarantees and undrawn loan commitments, where the loan agreed to be provided is on market terms, are not reflected in the statement of financial position. Starting January 1, 2018, these contracts are in the scope of the ECL requirements where the Group estimates the expected portion of the irrevocable undrawn loan commitments that will be drawn over their expected life based on the Group's historical observations of actual drawdowns and forward-looking forecasts. The ECL related to financial guarantees and loan commitments without outstanding drawn amounts is recognized under Other Liabilities account in the statement of financial position.

2.6 Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedge Accounting

The Group is a party to various foreign currency forward contracts, cross currency swaps, futures, interest rate swaps, debt warrants, options and credit default swap. These contracts are entered into as a service to customers and as a means of reducing or managing the Group's foreign exchange and interest rate exposures as well as for trading purposes. Amounts contracted are recorded as contingent accounts and are not included in the statement of financial position.

Derivatives are categorized as Financial Assets at FVPL which are initially recognized at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently measured at their fair value. Fair values are obtained from active markets for listed or traded securities or determined using valuation techniques if quoted prices are not available, including discounted cash flow models and option pricing models, as appropriate. The change in fair value of derivative financial instruments is recognized in profit or loss, except when their effects qualify as a hedging instrument. Derivatives are carried as assets when fair value is positive and as liabilities when fair value is negative.

The best evidence of the fair value of a derivative at initial recognition is the transaction price (i.e., the fair value of the consideration given or received) unless the fair value of that instrument is evidenced by comparison with other observable current market transactions in the same instrument (i.e., without modification or repackaging) or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable markets. When such evidence exists, the Group recognizes a gain or loss at initial recognition.

2.7 Offsetting Financial Instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the resulting net amount, considered as a single financial asset or financial liability, is reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The right of set-off must be available at the end of the reporting period, that is, it is not contingent on future event. It must also be enforceable in the normal course of business, in the event of default, and in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy; and, must be legally enforceable for both entity and all counterparties to the financial instruments.

2.8 Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment

Land is stated at cost less impairment losses, if any. As no finite useful life for land can be determined, the related carrying amounts are not depreciated. All other bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation, amortization and any impairment in value.

The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to working condition for its intended use. Expenditures for additions, major improvements and renewals are capitalized, while expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets as follows:

Buildings	20-50 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3-15 years

Leasehold rights and improvements are amortized over the term of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements, whichever is shorter.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (see Note 2.17).

The residual values, estimated useful lives, and method of depreciation and amortization of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment (except land) are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An item of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, including the related accumulated depreciation, amortization and any impairment losses, is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item) is included in profit or loss in the year the item is derecognized.

2.9 Investment Properties

Investment properties pertain to land, buildings or condominium units acquired by the Group, in settlement of loans from defaulting borrowers through foreclosure or dacion in payment which are neither held by the Group for sale in the next 12 months nor being used in the rendering of services or for administrative purposes. This also includes properties held for rental.

Investment properties are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses (see Note 2.17). The cost of an investment property comprises its purchase price and directly attributable costs incurred such as legal fees, transfer taxes and other transaction costs.

Transfers from other accounts (such as bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment) are made to investment properties when and only when, there is a change in use, evidenced by ending of owner-occupation or commencement of an operating lease to another party or holding the property for capital appreciation, while transfers from investment properties are made when, and only when, there is a change in use, evidenced by commencement of owner-occupation or commencement of development with a view to sell. In isolation, a change in management's intentions for the use of a property does not provide evidence of a change in use.

Depreciation and impairment loss are recognized in the same manner as in bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Direct operating expenses related to investment properties, such as repairs and maintenance, and real estate taxes are normally charged against current operations in the period in which these costs are incurred.

Investment properties, including the related accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses, are derecognized upon disposal or when permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from its disposal. Any gain or loss on the retirement or disposal of investment properties is recognized in Miscellaneous Income or Miscellaneous Expense, respectively, under Other Operating Income or Other Operating Expenses, respectively, in the year of retirement or disposal.

2.10 Assets Held-for-Sale and Disposal Group

Assets held-for-sale and disposal group, which are presented as part of Other Resources account, include real and other properties acquired through repossession, foreclosure or purchase that the Group intends to sell within one year from the date of classification as held-for-sale and for which the Group is committed to immediately dispose through an active marketing plan. The Group classifies an asset (or disposal group) as held-for-sale if its carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use.

In the event that the sale of the asset is extended beyond one year, the extension of the period required to complete the sale does not preclude an asset from being classified as held-for-sale if the delay is caused by events or circumstances beyond the Group's control and there is sufficient evidence that the Group remains committed to its plan to sell the asset.

Assets classified as held-for-sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amounts, immediately prior to their classification as held-for-sale and their fair value less costs to sell. Assets classified as held-for-sale are not subject to depreciation or amortization. Asset that ceases to be classified as held-for-sale is measured at the lower of: (a) its carrying amount before the asset was classified as held-for-sale, adjusted for any depreciation, amortization or revaluations that would have been recognized had the asset not been classified as held-for-sale; and, (b) its recoverable amount at the date of the subsequent decision not to sell. Any adjustment to the carrying amount of an asset that ceases to be classified as held-for-sale resulting in either a gain or loss, is recognized in profit or loss. The Group recognizes an impairment loss for any initial or subsequent write-down of the assets held-for-sale to fair value less cost to sell, to the extent that it has not been previously recognized in profit or loss.

On the other hand, any gain from any subsequent increase in fair value less to costs to sell of an asset up to the extent of the cumulative impairment loss that has been previously recognized is recognized in profit or loss.

The gains or losses arising from the sale or remeasurement of assets held-for-sale is recognized in Miscellaneous Income (Expenses) under the Other Operating Income (Expenses) account in the statement of profit or loss.

2.11 Intangible Assets

Intangible assets include goodwill, branch licenses, trading right, and computer software licenses which are accounted for under cost model and are reported under Other Resources account in the statement of financial position. The cost of the asset is the amount of cash and cash equivalents paid or the fair value of the other considerations given to acquire an asset at the time of acquisition.

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired at the date of acquisition (see Note 2.3).

Branch licenses represent the rights given by the BSP to the Group to establish a certain number of branches in various areas in the country.

Goodwill and branch licenses are classified as intangible assets with indefinite useful life and, thus, not subject to amortization but are tested annually for impairment (see Note 2.17). After initial recognition, goodwill and branch licenses are subsequently carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing. Each of those generating units is represented by each primary reporting segment.

Trading right, included as part of Miscellaneous under Other Resources account, represents the right given to RSI, a subsidiary engaged in stock brokerage, to preserve its access to the trading facilities and to transact business at the PSE. Trading right is assessed as having an indefinite useful life. It is carried at the amount allocated from the original cost of the exchange membership seat (after a corresponding allocation was made to the value of the PSE shares) less allowance for impairment, if any. The trading right is tested annually for any impairment in value (see Note 2.17).

Acquired computer software licenses are capitalized on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. These costs are amortized on a straight line basis over the expected useful lives of the software of three to ten years.

Costs associated with developing or maintaining computer software programs are recognized as expense as incurred. Costs that are directly associated with the production of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Group, and that will probably generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognized as intangible assets. Direct costs include employee costs incurred on software development and an appropriate portion of relevant overhead costs.

Computer software development costs recognized as assets are amortized using the straight-line method over their useful lives (not exceeding ten years).

When an intangible asset is disposed of, the gain or loss on disposal is determined as the difference between the proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in profit or loss.

2.11 Other Resources

Other resources (excluding items classified as intangible assets) pertain to other assets controlled by the Group as a result of past events. These are recognized in the financial statements when it is probable that the future economic benefits will flow to the Group and the asset has a cost or value that can be measured reliably.

2.12 Provisions and Contingencies

Provisions are recognized when present obligations will probably lead to an outflow of economic resources and they can be estimated reliably even if the timing or amount of the outflow may still be uncertain. A present obligation arises from the presence of a legal or constructive obligation that has resulted from past events (e.g., legal dispute or onerous contracts).

Provisions are measured at the estimated expenditure required to settle the present obligation, based on the most reliable evidence available at the end of the reporting period, including the risks and uncertainties associated with the present obligation. Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole.

When time value of money is material, long-term provisions are discounted to their present values using a pretax rate that reflects market assessments and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in provision due to passage of time is recognized as interest expense.

Provisions are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

In those cases, where the possible outflow of economic resource as a result of present obligations is considered improbable or remote, or the amount to be provided for cannot be measured reliably, no liability is recognized in the financial statements. Similarly, possible inflows of economic benefits to the Group that do not yet meet the recognition criteria of an asset are considered contingent assets; hence, are not recognized in the financial statements. On the other hand, any reimbursement that the Group can be virtually certain to collect from a third party with respect to the obligation is recognized as a separate asset not exceeding the amount of the related provision.

2.13 Equity

Preferred and common stock represent the nominal value of shares of stock that have been issued.

Capital paid in excess of par includes any premiums received on the issuance of capital stock. Any transaction costs associated with the issuance of shares of stock are deducted from capital paid in excess of par, net of any related income tax benefits.

Revaluation reserves consist of:

- (a) Net unrealized fair value gains or losses arising from remeasurements of financial assets at FVOCI;
- (b) Reserves on remeasurements of post-employment defined benefit plan comprising of net accumulated actuarial gains or losses arising from experience adjustments and other changes in actuarial assumptions, and actual return on plan assets (excluding account included in net interest);
- (c) Accumulated translation adjustments related to the cumulative gains from the translation of the financial statements of foreign subsidiaries whose functional currency is different from that of the Parent Company; and,
- (d) Share in other comprehensive income or loss of subsidiaries and associates.

Reserve for trust business representing the accumulated amount set aside by the Group under existing regulations requiring the Parent Company and a subsidiary to appropriate and transfer to surplus 10% of its net profits accruing from their trust business until the surplus shall amount to 20% of the regulatory capital. The reserve shall not be paid out in dividends, but losses accruing in the course of the trust business may be charged against this account.

Other reserves refer to the amount attributable to the Parent Company arising from the changes in the ownership of the NCI in the Group and the result of the redemption of the preferred stocks of RSB's subsidiaries. This also includes the excess of cost of investment over the net identifiable assets of an acquired subsidiary under the pooling of interest method.

Surplus represents all current and prior period results of operations as disclosed in the statement of profit or loss, reduced by the amount of dividends declared.

General loan loss reserves pertain to the accumulated amount of appropriation from Surplus made by the Group arising from the excess of the one-percent general loan loss provisions for outstanding loans as required by the BSP under Circular No. 1011, *Guidelines on the Adoption of PFRS 9* (Circular No. 1011) over the computed allowance for ECL.

NCI represents the portion of the net assets and profit or loss not attributable to the Group and are presented separately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income and within equity in the consolidated statement of financial position and changes in equity.

2.14 Other Income and Expense Recognition

Prior to January 1, 2018, revenue is recognized to the extent that the revenue can be reliably measured; it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Group; and the expenses and costs incurred and to be incurred can be measured reliably. In 2018, revenue is recognized only when (or as) the Group satisfies a performance obligation by transferring control of the promised services to the customer. A contract with a customer that results in a recognized financial instrument in the Group's financial statements may partially be within the scope of PFRS 9 and partially within the scope of PFRS 15. In such case, the Group first applies PFRS 9 to separate and measure the part of the contract that is in-scope of PFRS 9, and then applies PFRS 15 to the residual part of the contract. Expenses and costs, if any, are recognized in profit or loss upon utilization of the assets or services or at the date these are incurred. All finance costs are reported in profit or loss on accrual basis.

The Group also earns service fees and commissions in various banking services, and gains on sale of properties, which are supported by contracts approved by the parties involved. These revenues are accounted for by the Group in accordance with PFRS 15.

For revenues arising from these various banking services which are to be accounted for under PFRS 15, the following provides information about the nature and timing of satisfaction of performance obligations in contracts with customers, including significant payment terms, and the related revenue recognition policies:

a) Charges, Fees and Commissions

The following charges, fees and commissions are recognized as follows:

- (i) Commissions and fees* – these income arising from loans, deposits, and other banking transactions are recognized as income based on agreed terms and conditions with customers which are generally when the services has been performed.
- (ii) Annual membership fees* – pertains to annual fees charged to credit cardholders. Revenues from membership fees are recognized over time from the date of renewal of the credit card until the validity date covered by the said renewal, usually termed as the expiry date of the issued cards. The credit card's validity period is deemed to be servicing period.
- (iii) Interchange fees, net of interchange costs* – are recognized as income upon presentation by member establishments of charges arising from RCBC Bankard and non-RCBC Bankard (associated with MasterCard, JCB, VISA and China UnionPay labels) credit card availments passing through the Point of Sale (POS) terminals of the Parent Company. These discounts are computed based on agreed rates and are deducted from the amounts remitted to member establishments. Interchange costs pertain to the other credit card companies' share in RCBC Bankard's merchant discounts whenever their issued credit cards transact in the Parent Company's POS terminal.

The Parent Company has a rewards program related to its credit card operations, which allows its cardholders to accumulate award credits or loyalty points that can be redeemed for free products. The loyalty points give rise to a separate performance obligation as they provide a material right to the cardholder.

Accordingly, the Parent Company allocates a portion of the interchange fee billed to participating merchants to the loyalty points granted to cardholders based on relative stand-alone selling price and recognizes liability equivalent to the estimated loyalty points until these are redeemed. Revenue is recognized upon actual redemption by the cardholder.

- (iv) *Loan syndication fees* - are recognized as revenue when the syndication has been completed and the Group retained no part of the loan package for itself or retained a part at the same effective interest rate for the other participants.
- (v) *Underwriting and arrangers fees* – these fees arising from negotiating, or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party such as arrangement of the acquisition of shares or other securities or the purchase or sale of businesses are recognized at the completion of the underlying transaction and where there are no further obligations to perform under the agreement.

b) *Trust fees*

These are service fees calculated in reference to the net asset value of the funds managed and deducted from the customer's account balance on a monthly basis which are recognized over time as the asset management services are provided. These are also applicable for wealth management and asset custody services that are continuously provided over an extended period of time.

c) *Trading and Securities Gains (Losses)*

These are recognized when the ownership of the securities is transferred to the buyer and is computed as the difference between the selling price and the carrying amount of the securities disposed of. These also include trading gains as a result of the mark-to-market valuation of investment securities classified as FVPL.

d) *Gains on Assets Sold*

Gains on assets sold arise from the disposals of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, investment properties, real estate properties for sale, and assets held-for-sale. The Group recognizes the gain on sale at the time the control of the assets is transferred to the buyer, when the Group does not retain either continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership, or effective control over the assets sold, and when the collectability of the entire sales price is reasonably assured.

Gains on assets sold are included as part of Miscellaneous income under Other Operating Income account in the statement of profit or loss.

Collections from accounts, which did not qualify from revenue recognition are treated as customers' deposit included as part of Accounts payable under Other Liabilities account in the statement of financial position.

Costs and expenses are recognized in profit or loss upon utilization of the assets and/or services or at the date those are incurred. All finance costs are reported in profit or loss on accrual basis, except capitalized borrowing costs which are included as part of the cost of the related qualifying asset, if any (see Note 2.19).

2.15 Leases

The Group accounts for its leases as follows:

(a) *Group as Lessee*

Leases which do not transfer to the Group substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments (net of any incentive received from the lessor) are recognized as expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Associated costs, such as repairs and maintenance and insurance, are expensed as incurred.

(b) *Group as Lessor*

Leases which transfer to the lessee all risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item are classified as finance leases and are presented at an amount equal to the Group's net investment in the lease. Finance income is recognized based on the pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the Group's net investment outstanding in respect of the finance lease, and is included as part of Interest Income on loans and receivables.

Leases which do not transfer to the lessee substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases. Lease income from operating leases is recognized in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term. These are recognized as part of Miscellaneous income under Other Operating Income account in the statement of profit or loss.

The Group determines whether an arrangement is, or contains, a lease based on the substance of the arrangement. It makes an assessment of whether the fulfillment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets and the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset. A reassessment is made after inception of the lease, only if one of the following applies:

- (i) there is a change in contractual terms, other than a renewal or extension of the arrangement;
- (ii) a renewal option is exercised or extension granted, unless that term of the renewal or extension was initially included in the lease term;
- (iii) there is a change in the determination of whether fulfillment is dependent on a specified asset; or,
- (iv) there is a substantial change to the asset.

2.16 Foreign Currency Transactions and Translations

The Group's transactions in foreign currencies are accounted for as follows:

(a) Transactions and Balances

Except for the foreign subsidiaries and accounts of the Group's foreign currency deposit unit (FCDU), the accounting records of the Group are maintained in Philippine pesos. Foreign currency transactions during the period are translated into the functional currency at exchange rates which approximate those prevailing at transaction dates. Resources and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to Philippine pesos at the prevailing Philippine Dealing System closing rates (PDSCR) at the end of the reporting period.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of foreign currency transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in profit or loss, except when recognized in other comprehensive income and deferred in equity as qualifying cash flow hedges and qualifying net investment hedges. Translation differences on non-monetary items, such as equity securities classified as at FVPL, are reported as part of fair value gain or loss.

For financial reporting purposes, the accounts of the FCDU are translated into their equivalents in Philippine pesos based on the PDSCR prevailing at the end of each reporting period (for resources and liabilities) and at the average PDSCR for the period (for income and expenses). Any foreign exchange difference is recognized in profit or loss.

Changes in the fair value of monetary financial assets (debt securities) denominated in foreign currency classified as financial assets at FVPL and financial assets at FVOCI are analyzed between translation differences resulting from changes in the amortized cost of the security and other changes in the carrying amount of the security. Accordingly, translation differences related to changes in amortized cost of investment in debt securities are recognized in profit or loss, and other changes in the carrying amount are recognized as gains and losses in other comprehensive income.

(b) Translation of Financial Statements of Foreign Subsidiaries

The results of operations and financial position of all the Group's foreign subsidiaries (none of which has the currency dependency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- (i)* Assets and liabilities at the end of each reporting period as presented in the statement of financial position are translated at the closing rate at the date of that statement of financial position;
- (ii)* Income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates during the period (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transactions' dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transactions); and,

(iii) All resulting exchange differences are recognized as a component of equity.

In consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of the net investment in foreign entities are recognized in other comprehensive income which form part of Revaluation Reserves account in equity. When a foreign operation is sold, the accumulated translation and exchange differences are recognized in profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on assets sold.

The translation of the financial statements into Philippine peso should not be construed as a representation that the amounts stated in currencies other than the Philippine peso could be converted in Philippine peso amounts at the translation rates or at any other rates of exchange.

2.17 Impairment of Non-financial Assets

Investments in subsidiaries and associates, bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, investment properties, and other resources (including intangible assets) and other non-financial assets are subject to impairment testing. Intangible assets (including goodwill) with an indefinite useful life or those not yet available for use are tested for impairment at least annually.

For purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows [cash-generating units (CGU)]. As a result, some assets are tested for impairment either individually or at the CGU level. Except for intangible assets with an indefinite useful life (i.e., goodwill, branch licenses and trading rights) or those not yet available for use, individual assets or CGU are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable.

Goodwill is reviewed for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. Impairment is determined for goodwill by assessing the recoverable amount of the CGU (or group of CGUs) to which the goodwill relates. Where the recoverable amount of the CGU (or group of CGUs) is less than the carrying amount of the CGU (or group of CGUs) to which goodwill has been allocated, an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss. Impairment losses relating to goodwill cannot be reversed for subsequent increases in its recoverable amount in future periods.

Impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss for the amount by which the asset's or CGU's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. The fair value less costs to sell is the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset in an arm's length transaction, while in determining value in use management estimates the expected future cash flows to be generated from the continued use of the asset or CGU, and determines the suitable interest rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows. The data used for impairment testing procedures are directly linked to the Group's latest approved budget, adjusted as necessary to exclude the effects of asset enhancements. Discount factors are determined individually for each CGU and reflect management's assessment of respective risk profiles, such as market and asset-specific risk factors.

All assets, except for intangible assets with indefinite useful life and goodwill, are subsequently reassessed for indications that an impairment loss previously recognized may no longer exist. An impairment loss is reversed if the asset's or CGU's recoverable amount exceeds its carrying amount.

2.18 Employee Benefits

Entities under the Group provide respective post-employment benefits to employees through a defined benefit plan and defined contribution plan, as well as other benefits, which are recognized and measured as follows:

(a) Post-employment Defined Benefit Plan

A defined benefit plan is a post-employment plan that defines an amount of post-employment benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and salary. The legal obligation for any benefits from this kind of post-employment plan remains with the Group, even if plan assets for funding the defined benefit plan have been acquired. Plan assets may include assets specifically designated to a long-term benefit fund, as well as qualifying insurance policies. The Group's post-employment defined benefit plan covers all regular full-time employees. The pension plan is tax-qualified, non-contributory and administered by trustees.

The liability recognized in the statement of financial position for defined benefit post-employment plan is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period less the fair value of plan assets. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows for expected benefit payments using a discount rate derived from the interpolated yields of government bonds as calculated by Bloomberg which used BVAL Evaluated Pricing Service to calculate the PHP BVAL Reference Rates in 2018 and as published by Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp. (PDEX) in 2017. These yields are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related post-employment liability.

Remeasurements, comprising of actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and other changes in actuarial assumptions, effect of the changes to the asset ceiling, if any, and actual return on plan assets (excluding amount included in net interest), are reflected immediately in the statement of financial position with a charge or credit recognized in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise. Remeasurements are not reclassified to profit or loss in the subsequent periods.

Net interest is calculated by applying the discount rate at the beginning of the period, taking account of any changes in the net defined benefit liability or asset during the period as a result of contributions and benefit payments. Net interest is reported as part of Other Interest Income or Expense account in the statement of profit or loss.

Past-service costs are recognized immediately in profit or loss in the period of a plan amendment or curtailment.

(b) Post-employment Defined Contribution Plan

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment plan under which the Group pays fixed contributions into an independent entity such as the Social Security System. The Group has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions after payment of the fixed contribution. The contributions recognized in respect of defined contribution plans are expensed as they fall due. Liabilities or assets may be recognized if underpayment or prepayment has occurred.

(c) *Short-term Benefits*

Short-term employee benefits include wages, salaries, bonuses, and non-monetary benefits provided to current employees, which are expected to be settled before twelve months after the end of the reporting period during which an employee services are rendered, but does not include termination benefits. The undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid in respect of services rendered by employees in an accounting period is recognized in profit or loss during that period and any unsettled amount at the end of the reporting period is included as part of Accrued Interest, Taxes and Other Expenses in the statement of financial position.

(d) *Termination Benefits*

Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated by the Group before the normal retirement date, or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Group recognizes termination benefits at the earlier of: (i) when it can no longer withdraw the offer of such benefits, and, (ii) when it recognizes costs for a restructuring that is within the scope of PAS 37, *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*, and involves the payment of termination benefits. In the case of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy, the termination benefits are measured based on the number of employees expected to accept the offer. Benefits falling due more than 12 months after the end of the reporting period are discounted to their present value.

(e) *Bonus Plans*

The Group recognizes a liability and an expense for bonuses, based on a fixed formula. The Group recognizes a provision where it is contractually obliged to pay the benefits, or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

(f) *Compensated Absences*

Compensated absences are recognized for the number of paid leave days (including holiday entitlement) remaining at the end of the reporting period. They are included in the Accrued Interest, Taxes and Other Expenses account in the statement of financial position at the undiscounted amount that the Group expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement.

2.19 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs are recognized as expense in the period in which they are incurred, except to the extent that they are capitalized. Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset (i.e., an asset that takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale) are capitalized as part of the cost of such asset. The capitalization of borrowing costs commences when expenditures for the asset and borrowing costs are being incurred and activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress. Capitalization ceases when substantially all such activities are completed.

Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalization.

2.20 Income Taxes

Tax expense recognized in profit or loss comprises the sum of current tax and deferred tax not recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, if any.

Current tax assets or liabilities comprise those claims from, or obligations to, tax authorities relating to the current or prior reporting period, that are unpaid at the end of the reporting period. They are calculated according to the tax rates and tax laws applicable to the periods to which they relate, based on the taxable profit for the year. All changes to current tax assets or liabilities are recognized as a component of tax expense in the statement of profit or loss.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method, on temporary differences at the end of the reporting period between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Under the liability method, with certain exceptions, deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences and the carry-forward of unused tax losses and unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deferred tax assets can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reassessed at the end of each reporting period. Previously unrecognized deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will be available to allow such deferred tax assets to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled provided such tax rates have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax assets to be utilized.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities.

Most changes in deferred tax assets or liabilities are recognized as a component of tax expense in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities recognized by the entities under the Group are offset if they have a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same entity and the same taxation authority.

2.21 Related Party Relationships and Transactions

Related party transactions are transfers of resources, services or obligations between the Group and its related parties, regardless of whether a price is charged.

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. These parties include: (a) individuals owning, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, control or are controlled by, or under common control with the Group; (b) associates; (c) individuals owning, directly or indirectly, an interest in the voting power of the Group that gives them significant influence over the Group and close members of the family of any such individual; and, (d) the funded retirement plan of each of the entities under the Group.

In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship and not merely on the legal form.

2.22 Earnings and Dilutive Earning Per Share

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is determined by dividing the adjusted net profit for the year attributable to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common stocks outstanding during the period, after giving retroactive effect to any stock dividends declared in the current period.

Diluted EPS is also computed by dividing net profit by the weighted average number of common stocks subscribed and issued during the period. However, net profit attributable to common stocks and the weighted average number of common stocks outstanding are adjusted to reflect the effects of potentially dilutive convertible preferred stocks. Convertible preferred stocks are deemed to have been converted into common stocks at the issuance of preferred stocks.

In cases of redemption of preference shares, the net income used in the computation of basic and diluted EPS is decreased by the excess of the fair value of consideration paid to holders of the instruments over the carrying amount of such repurchased the instruments.

2.23 Trust and Fiduciary Activities

The Group commonly acts as trustee and in other fiduciary capacities that result in the holding or placing of assets on behalf of individuals, trusts, retirement benefit plans and other institutions. The resources, liabilities and income or loss arising thereon are excluded from these financial statements, as these are neither resources nor income of the Group.

2.24 Events After the End of the Reporting Period

Any post year-end event that provides additional information about the Group's financial position at the end of the reporting period (adjusting event) is reflected in the financial statements. Post year-end events that are not adjusting events, if any, are disclosed when material to the financial statements.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Group's financial statements in accordance with PFRS requires management to make judgments and estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and related notes. Judgments and estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may ultimately vary from these estimates.

3.1 Critical Management Judgments in Applying Accounting Policies

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgments, apart from those involving estimation, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements:

(a) Evaluation of Business Model Applied in Managing Financial Instruments

The Group manages its financial assets based on business models that maintain adequate level of financial assets to match its expected cash outflows, largely its core deposit funding arising from customers' withdrawals and continuing loan disbursements to borrowers, while maintaining a strategic portfolio of financial assets for trading activities consistent with its risk appetite.

The Group's business models reflect how it manages its portfolio of financial instruments. The Group's business models need not be assessed at entity level or as a whole but applied at the level of a portfolio of financial instruments (i.e., group of financial instruments that are managed together by the Group) and not on an instrument-by-instrument basis (i.e., not based on intention or specific characteristics of individual financial instrument).

In determining the classification of a financial instrument under PFRS 9, the Group evaluates in which business model a financial instrument or a portfolio of financial instruments belongs to taking into consideration the objectives of each business model established by the Group (e.g., held-for-trading, generating accrual income, direct matching to a specific liability) as those relate to the Group's investment, trading and lending strategies.

In connection with the Group's adoption of PFRS 9 on January 1, 2018, the Parent Company's BOD ratified the Executive Committee's approval in October 2017 of the change in the Parent Company's business model to incorporate as part of its investment policy the FVOCI model which now include eligible investments in debt securities that the Parent Company holds to collect and sell. This changes in the investment policy aims to calibrate the Parent Company's strategy and management of liquidity. The introduction of the FVOCI business model allows the Parent Company to invest in high-rated issuers and bonds that qualify as high quality liquid assets while offering yield pick-up. This resulted in reclassification of certain investments in debt securities to FVOCI category [see Note 2.2(a)].

In addition, PFRS 9 emphasizes that if more than an infrequent sale is made out of a portfolio of financial assets carried at amortized cost, an entity should assess whether and how such sales are consistent with the objective of collecting contractual cash flows. In making this judgment, the Group considers certain circumstances documented in its business model manual to assess that an increase in the frequency or value of sales of financial instruments in a particular period is not necessarily inconsistent with the HTC business model if the Group can explain the reasons for those sales and why those sales do not reflect a change in the Group's objective for the business model.

In 2018 and 2017, the Parent Company disposed of certain debt securities from its HTC portfolio in accordance with its investment policy and has applied these evaluation process to ensure that the disposal is consistent with the Group's HTC business model (see Note 10.3).

(b) *Testing the Cash Flow Characteristics of Financial Assets and Continuing Evaluation of the Business Model*

In determining the classification of financial assets under PFRS 9, the Group assesses whether the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding, with interest representing time value of money and credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding. The assessment as to whether the cash flows meet the test is made in the currency in which the financial asset is denominated. Any other contractual term that changes the timing or amount of cash flows (unless it is a variable interest rate that represents time value of money and credit risk) does not meet the amortized cost criteria. In cases where the relationship between the passage of time and the interest rate of the financial instrument may be imperfect, known as modified time value of money, the Group assesses the modified time value of money feature to determine whether the financial instrument still meets the SPPI criterion. The objective of the assessment is to determine how different the undiscounted contractual cash flows could be from the undiscounted cash flows that would arise if the time value of money element was not modified (the benchmark cash flows). If the resulting difference is significant, the SPPI criterion is not met. In view of this, the Group considers the effect of the modified time value of money element in each reporting period and cumulatively over the life of the financial instrument.

(c) *Evaluation of Impairment of Equity Securities at FVOCI (Applicable Prior to January 1, 2018)*

The determination when an investment in equity securities at FVOCI is other-than-temporarily impaired requires the Group to make judgment. In making this judgment with respect to the Group's outstanding financial assets at FVOCI as of December 31, 2017, the Group has evaluated, among other factors, the duration and extent to which the fair value of an investment is less than its cost, and the financial health of and near-term business outlook for the investee, including factors such as industry and sector performance, changes in technology, and operational and financing cash flow. For investments issued by counterparty under bankruptcy, the Group determines permanent impairment based on the price of the most recent transaction and on latest indications obtained from reputable counterparties (which regularly quotes prices for distressed securities) since current bid prices are no longer available.

The Group's investments in equity instruments are no longer subject to impairment assessment in 2018 under PFRS 9.

(d) *Distinction Between Investment Properties and Owner-occupied Properties*

The Group determines whether a property qualifies as an investment property. In making its judgment, the Group considers whether the property generates cash flows largely independent of the other assets held by the Group. Owner-occupied properties generate cash flows that are attributable not only to property but also to other assets used in the production, supply process, and in the Group's banking operation.

Some properties comprise a portion that is held to earn rental or for capital appreciation and another portion that is held for use for administrative purposes. If these portions can be sold separately (or leased out separately under finance lease) then these portions can be accounted for separately. If the portions cannot be sold separately, the property is accounted for as investment property only if an insignificant portion is held for use in operations or for administrative purposes. Judgment is applied in determining whether ancillary services are so significant that a property does not qualify as investment property.

As of the end of the reporting period, the Group has certain building which comprise a portion that is held for rental and other portion is used for operations which were classified by the Group as Investment Property or as part of Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment according to its current use.

(e) *Distinction Between Operating and Finance Leases*

The Group has entered into various lease agreements either as a lessor or a lessee. Judgment was exercised by management to distinguish each lease agreement as either an operating or finance lease by looking at the transfer or retention of significant risk and rewards of ownership of the properties covered by the agreements. Failure to make the right judgment will result in either overstatement or understatement of assets or liabilities. Based on the provisions of existing relevant lease agreements, the Group has determined that all of its lease arrangements with the Group as the lessee, qualify as operating leases, while for the various lease agreements of RCBC LFC as a lessor, the arrangements are accounted for under finance lease.

In determining whether the lease arrangements of RCBC LFC qualify as a finance lease, the following factors have been considered:

- (i) the lease provides the lessee an option to purchase the asset; or,
- (ii) the lease transfers ownership of the property at the end of the lease and the related lease terms approximate the estimate useful life of the asset being leased.

(f) *Classification and Determination of Fair Value of Acquired Properties*

The Group classifies its acquired properties as Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment if used in operations, as Assets Held-for-Sale and Disposal Group presented under Other Resources account if the Group expects that the properties will be recovered through sale rather than use, as Investment Properties if held for rental or for currently undetermined future use and is regarded as held for capital appreciation, or as financial assets in accordance with PFRS 9. At initial recognition, the Group determines the fair value of acquired properties through internal and external appraisal depending on the Group's threshold policy. The appraised value is determined based on the current economic and market conditions, as well as the physical condition of the property.

The Group's methodology in determining the fair value of acquired properties are further discussed in Note 7.4.

(g) *Assessment of Significant Influence on HCPI in which the Group and Parent Company Holds Less than 20% Ownership*

The management considers that the Group and the Parent Company has significant influence on HCPI even though it holds less than 20% of the ordinary shares in the latter. In making this judgment, management considered the Group's and the Parent Company's rights to commit and undertake to vote, and to regulate the conduct of voting and the relationship between them with respect to their exercise of their voting rights (see Note 12.2).

(b) *Recognition of Provisions and Contingencies*

Judgment is exercised by management to distinguish between provisions and contingencies. Policies on recognition of provisions and contingencies are discussed in Note 2.12 and relevant disclosures are presented in Note 29. In dealing with the Group's various legal proceedings, the Group's estimate of the probable costs that may arise from claims and contingencies has been developed in consultation and coordination with the Group's internal and outside counsels acting in defense for the Group's and the Parent Company's legal cases and are based upon the analysis of probable results.

Although the Group does not believe that its on-going proceedings as disclosed in Note 29 will have material adverse effect on the Group's financial position, it is possible that future results of operations could be materially affected by changes in the estimates or in the effectiveness of the strategies conducted relating to those proceedings.

3.2 Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The following are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of each reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period:

(a) *Estimation of Expected Credit Loss on Financial Assets*

When measuring allowance for ECL for relevant categories of financial assets, management applies judgment in defining the criteria in assessing whether a financial asset has experienced SICR since initial recognition, and in the estimation of the contractual cash flows due from counterparty and those that the Group would expect to receive, taking into account the cash flows from the realization of collateral and integral credit enhancements. The Group's ECL calculations are outputs of complex models with a number of underlying assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behaviour of counterparties (e.g., the likelihood of counterparties defaulting and the resulting losses). The computation of the ECL also consider the use of reasonable and supportable forward-looking information, which is based on assumptions for the future movement of different economic drivers and how these drivers will affect each other that may result in different levels of loss allowance.

Significant factors affecting the estimates on the ECL model include:

- internal rating matrix which determines the PD to be assigned to a financial asset;
- criteria for assessing if there has been a significant increase in credit risk and when a financial asset will be transferred between the three stages;
- the Group's definition of default for different segments of credit exposures that considers the regulatory requirements;
- establishing groups of similar financial assets (i.e., segmentation) for the purposes of measuring ECL on a collective basis;
- establishment of LGD parameters based on historical recovery rates of claims against defaulted counterparties across different group of financial instruments; and,
- establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios for each type of product/market and the associated ECL.

The explanation of inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL and the analysis of the allowance for ECL on various groups of financial instruments is further discussed in Note 4.4.

(b) *Fair Value Measurement for Financial Assets at FVPL and at FVOCI*

The Group carries certain financial assets at fair value which requires judgment and extensive use of accounting estimates. In cases when active market quotes are not available, fair value is determined by reference to the current market value of another financial instrument which is substantially the same or is calculated based on the expected cash flows of the underlying net base of the instrument or other more appropriated valuation techniques (see Note 7.2).

The amount of changes in fair value would differ if the Group had utilized different valuation methods and assumptions. Any change in fair value of the financial assets and financial liabilities would affect profit or loss or other comprehensive income.

The fair value of derivative financial instruments that are not quoted in an active market is determined through valuation techniques using the net present value computation (see Note 7.2).

The carrying values of the Group's and the Parent Company's trading and investment securities and the amounts of fair value changes recognized on those financial assets are disclosed in Note 10.

(c) *Estimation of Useful Lives of Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment, Investment Properties, Computer Software, Branch Licenses and Trading Rights*

The Group estimates the useful lives of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, investment properties and computer software based on the period over which the assets are expected to be available for use. The estimated useful lives of these assets are reviewed periodically and are updated if expectations differ from previous estimates due to physical wear and tear, technical or commercial obsolescence and legal or other limits on the use of the assets.

The Group's branch licenses and trading rights were regarded as having an indefinite useful lives considering there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which such assets are expected to generate net cash inflows for the Group. The assessment of having indefinite useful lives is reviewed periodically and is updated whether events and circumstances such as the period of control over these assets and legal or similar limits on the use of these assets continue to support such assessment.

The carrying amounts of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, investment properties and computer software are analyzed in Notes 13, 14 and 15, respectively, while the carrying amounts of goodwill and branch licenses are analyzed in Note 15. Based on management's assessment as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, there are no changes in the useful lives of these assets. Actual results, however, may vary due to changes in estimates brought about by changes in factors mentioned above.

(d) *Determination of Realizable Amount of Deferred Tax Assets*

The Group reviews its deferred tax assets at the end of each reporting period and reduces the carrying amount to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized. Significant judgment is applied by management to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognized based on the likely timing and level of the Group's future taxable income together with its future tax planning strategies. The Group assessed its projected performance in determining the sufficiency of the future taxable income to support the recognition of deferred tax assets.

The carrying values of recognized and unrecognized deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are disclosed in Note 26.1.

(e) *Estimation of Impairment Losses of Non-financial Assets*

Except for intangible assets with indefinite useful lives, PFRS requires that an impairment review be performed when certain impairment indications are present. The Group's policy on estimating the impairment of non-financial assets is discussed in detail in Note 2.17.

The Group assesses impairment on these non-financial assets and considers the following important indicators:

- significant changes in asset usage;
- significant decline in assets' market value;
- obsolescence or physical damage of an asset;
- significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results;
- significant changes in the manner of usage of the acquired assets or the strategy for the Group's overall business; and,
- significant negative industry or economic trends.

If such indications are present and where the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. Though management believes that the assumptions used in the estimation of fair values of non-financial assets are appropriate and reasonable, significant changes in these assumptions may materially affect the assessment of recoverable values and any resulting impairment loss could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations.

(f) *Determination of Fair Value of Investment Properties*

The Group's investment properties are composed of parcels of land, buildings and condominium units which are held for capital appreciation or held-for-lease, and are measured using cost model. The estimated fair value of investment properties disclosed in Note 7.4 is determined on the basis of the appraisals conducted by professional appraiser applying the relevant valuation methodologies as discussed therein.

For investment properties with appraisal conducted prior to the end of the current reporting period, management determines whether there are significant circumstances during the intervening period that may require adjustments or changes in the disclosure of fair value of those properties.

A significant change in key inputs and sources of information used in the determination of the fair value disclosed for those assets may result in adjustment in the carrying amount of the assets reported in the financial statements if their fair value will indicate evidence of impairment.

(g) *Valuation of Post-employment Defined Benefits*

The determination of the Group's obligation and cost of post-employment defined benefits is dependent on the selection of certain assumptions used by actuaries in calculating such amounts. Those assumptions include, among others, discount rates, and salary increase rate. A significant change in any of these actuarial assumptions may generally affect the recognized expense, other comprehensive income or loss, and the carrying amount of the post-employment benefit obligation in the next reporting period.

The amounts of post-employment benefit obligation and related income or expense, and an analysis of the movements in the estimated present value of post-employment benefit obligation, as well as the significant assumptions used in estimating such obligation, are presented in Note 24.2.

4. **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The Group is exposed to risks in relation to its operating, investing, and financing activities, and the business environment in which it operates. The Group's objectives in risk management are to ensure that it identifies, measures, monitors, and controls the various risks that arise from its business activities, and that it adheres strictly to the policies, procedures, and control systems which are established to address these risks.

A committee system is a fundamental part of the Group's process of managing risk. The following five committees of the Parent Company's BOD are relevant in this context:

- The Executive Committee, which meets weekly, has the power to act and pass upon such matters as the Board may entrust to it for action in between BOD meetings. It may also consider and approve loans and other credit related matters, investments, purchase of stocks, bonds, securities and other commercial papers for the Bank's portfolio. The Executive Committee also has the power to review an asset or loan to ensure timely resolution and recognition of losses of impaired assets.
- The Risk Oversight Committee (ROC), which meets monthly, carries out the BOD's oversight responsibility for Group's capital adequacy and risk management strategy and actions covering credit, market and operational risks under Pillar I of the Basel framework; as well as the management of other material risks determined under Pillar II and the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) (see Note 5.2). Risk limits are reviewed and approved by the ROC.
- The Audit and Compliance Committee, which meets monthly, reviews the results of the Internal Audit examinations and recommends remedial actions to the BOD as appropriate.
- The Related Party Transactions (RPT) Committee, which meets monthly and as necessary, reviews proposed RPT within the materiality threshold to determine whether or not the transaction is on terms no less favorable to the Group than terms available to any unconnected third party under the same or similar circumstances. On favorable review, the RPT Committee endorses transactions to the BOD for approval.

- The Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Board Committee, which meets monthly, oversees the implementation of the Bank's Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Prevention Program (MLPP) and ensures compliance thereof. This Committee also ensures that infractions are immediately corrected, issues are addressed and AML training of officers and staff are conducted.

Four senior management committees also provide a regular forum to take up risk issues.

- The Credit and Collection Committee (CRECOL), chaired by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and composed of the heads of credit risk-taking business units and the head of credit management group, meets weekly to review and approve credit exposures within its authority. It also reviews plans and progress on the resolution of problem loan accounts.
- The Asset/Liability Committee (ALCO), chaired by the Treasurer of the Parent Company and with the participation of the CEO and key business and support unit heads including the President of the major subsidiary, RSB, meets weekly to appraise market trends, and economic and political developments. It provides direction in the management of interest rate risk, liquidity risk, foreign currency risk, and trading and investment portfolio decisions. It sets prices or rates for various asset and liability and trading products, in light of funding costs and competitive and other market conditions. It receives confirmation that market risk limits (as described in the succeeding pages) are not breached; or if breached, it provides guidance on the handling of the relevant risk exposure in between ROC meetings.
- The Related Party Transactions Management Committee (RPT ManCom), composed of the Group Heads of the business units as specified in the charter or their respective designates. It meets monthly to review and approve proposed RPT within the materiality threshold for the purpose of determining whether or not the transaction is on terms no less favorable to the Bank than terms available to any unconnected third party under the same or similar circumstances unless the transaction requires BOD approval. On favorable review, the RPT ManCom endorses the transaction for BOD confirmation.
- The Anti-Money Laundering Management Committee (AMLCom) was created through an order of the Senior Management Committee on June 24, 2002, for the evaluation of the suspicious transaction reports (STR) reported by different units before submission to the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC). The AMLCom assists the BOD in implementing the Group's MLPP in order to ensure compliance with BSP rules and regulations relating to the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing.

The AMLCom is composed of the Chief Compliance Officer as the Chairperson and Presiding Officer and the Heads of Operations Group, Retail Banking Group, Controllership Group, Legal Affairs Group, Operational Risk Management Division, Legal Affairs Division as members, and AML Division as the Rapporteur. The AML Division, through the Chief Compliance Officer, reports to the Audit and Compliance Committee and to the AML Board Committee its monthly activities including the AMLCom meetings.

The Parent Company established a Corporate Risk Management Services (CRISMS) Group, headed by the Chief Risk Officer, to ensure that consistent implementation of the objectives of risk identification, measurement and/or assessment, mitigation, and monitoring are pursued via practices commensurate with the group-wide risk profile.

In addition to established risk management systems and controls, the Group holds capital commensurate with the levels of risk it undertakes (see Note 5), in accordance with regulatory capital standards and internal benchmarks set by the Parent Company's BOD.

4.1 Group's Strategy in Using Financial Instruments

It is the Group's intent to generate returns mainly from the traditional financial intermediation and service-provision activities, augmented by returns from positions based on views on the financial markets. The main source of risk, therefore, remains to be that arising from credit risk exposures. Nevertheless, within BSP regulatory constraints, and subject to limits and parameters established by the BOD and/or the ROC, the Group is exposed to liquidity risk and interest rate risk inherent in the Group's operations, and other market risks, which include foreign exchange risk.

In the course of performing financial intermediation function, the Group accepts deposits from customers at fixed and floating rates, and for various periods, and seeks to earn interest margins by investing these funds in high-quality assets. The conventional strategy to enhance net interest margin is the investment of short-term funds in longer-term assets, such as fixed-income securities. While, in doing so, the Group maintains liquidity at prudent levels to meet all claims that fall due, the Group fully recognizes the consequent interest rate risk exposure.

The Group's investment portfolio is composed mainly of marketable, sovereign and corporate debt instruments.

The Parent Company was granted by the BSP additional derivatives authorities effective January 2011. Products approved under the Limited Dealer Authority (Type 2) are foreign currency forwards, non-deliverable forwards, interest rate and cross currency swaps while credit-linked notes and bond options were approved under the Limited User Authority (Type 3). In February 2012, bond forwards, non-deliverable swaps and foreign exchange options have been included under the same Limited User Authority (Type 3). In June 2013, the Parent Company was granted a Type 2 license non-deliverable swaps, foreign currency options, bond and interest rate options, and asset swaps. During the same period, additional Type 3 licenses for foreign exchange-option and bond-option linked notes were likewise approved. The Parent Company's derivatives portfolio consists mostly of short-term currency forward contracts and swaps, and interest rate swaps and futures.

4.2 Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the potential insufficiency of funds available to meet the demands of the Group's customers to repay maturing liabilities. The Group manages liquidity risk by limiting the maturity mismatch between assets and liabilities, and by holding sufficient liquid assets of appropriate quality and marketability.

The Group recognizes the liquidity risk inherent in its activities, and identifies, measures, monitors and controls the liquidity risk inherent to the members of the Group which are financial intermediaries.

The Group's liquidity policy is to manage its operations to ensure that funds available are more than adequate to meet demands of its customers and to enable deposits to be repaid on maturity. The Group's liquidity policies and procedures are set out in its funding and liquidity plan which contains certain funding requirements based on assumptions and uses resources and liability maturity gap analysis.

The gap analyses as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are presented below.

		Group					
		2018					
		One to Three Months	Three Months to One Year	One to Five Years	More than Five Years	Non-maturity	Total
Resources:							
Cash and cash equivalents	P	51,696	P 1,389	P 2,171	P 756	P 57,771	P 113,783
Investments - net		19,248	5,112	26,288	60,665	7,559	118,872
Loans and receivables - net		25,743	63,353	102,472	98,146	99,064	388,778
Other resources - net		13,497	206	400	57	9,002	23,162
Total resources		110,184	70,060	131,331	159,624	173,396	644,595
Liabilities:							
Deposit liabilities		51,950	10,390	9,920	6,119	345,020	423,399
Bills payable		7,476	42,245	5,095	1,185	-	56,001
Bonds payable		-	-	53,090	-	-	53,090
Subordinated debt		-	-	-	9,986	-	9,986
Other liabilities		12,454	41	-	-	8,454	20,949
Total liabilities		71,880	52,676	68,105	17,290	353,474	563,425
Equity		-	-	-	-	81,170	81,170
Total liabilities and equity		71,880	52,676	68,105	17,290	434,644	644,595
On-book gap		38,304	17,384	63,226	142,334	(261,248)	-
Cumulative on-book gap		38,304	55,688	118,914	261,248	-	-
Contingent resources		15,844	-	-	-	-	15,844
Contingent liabilities		15,960	-	-	-	-	15,960
Off-book gap	(	116)	-	-	-	-	(116)
Cumulative off-book gap	(	116)	(116)	(116)	(116)	(116)	-
Periodic gap		38,188	17,384	63,226	142,334	(261,248)	(116)
Cumulative total gap	P	38,188	P 55,572	P 118,798	P 261,132	(P 116)	P -

		Group					
		2017					
		One to Three Months	Three Months to One Year	One to Five Years	More than Five Years	Non-maturity	Total
<u>Resources:</u>							
Cash and cash equivalents	P	40,867	P 691	P 1,676	P 581	P 59,366	P 103,181
Investments - net		17,506	1,969	14,818	32,915	6,141	73,349
Loans and receivables - net		33,508	62,507	105,486	83,195	69,509	354,205
Other resources - net		9,027	566	512	38	13,110	23,253
Total resources		100,908	65,733	122,492	116,729	148,126	553,988
<u>Liabilities:</u>							
Deposit liabilities		62,028	9,867	11,234	2,505	302,778	388,412
Bills payable		18,538	15,303	6,379	1,499	2,248	43,967
Bonds payable		-	-	28,060	-	-	28,060
Subordinated debt		-	-	-	9,968	-	9,968
Other liabilities		9,370	69	-	-	7,115	16,554
Total liabilities		89,936	25,239	45,673	13,972	312,141	486,961
<u>Equity</u>		-	-	-	-	67,027	67,027
Total liabilities and equity		89,936	25,239	45,673	13,972	379,168	553,988
On-book gap		10,972	40,494	76,819	102,757	(231,042)	-
Cumulative on-book gap		10,972	51,466	128,285	231,042	-	-
Contingent resources		9,969	-	-	-	-	9,969
Contingent liabilities		10,175	-	-	-	-	10,175
Off-book gap	(	206)	-	-	-	-	(206)
Cumulative off-book gap	(	206)	(206)	(206)	(206)	(206)	-
Periodic gap		10,766	40,494	76,819	102,757	(231,042)	(206)
Cumulative total gap	P	10,766	P 51,260	P 128,079	P 230,836	(P 206)	P -

Parent Company												
2018												
		One to Three Months		Three Months to One Year		One to Five Years		More than Five Years	Non-maturity	Total		
Resources:												
Cash and cash equivalents	P	39,036	P	1,230	P	1,635	P	644	P	42,469	P	85,014
Investments - net		2,095		8,739		25,680		60,792		23,604		120,910
Loans and receivables - net		28,178		47,101		46,971		81,926		85,046		289,222
Other resources - net		8,142		2		23		2		7,608		15,777
Total resources		77,451		57,072		74,309		143,364		158,727		510,923
Liabilities:												
Deposit liabilities		41,379		7,392		10,673		3,580		239,386		302,410
Bills payable		4,988		39,189		3,397		1,185		-		48,759
Bonds payable		-		-		53,090		-		-		53,090
Subordinated debt		-		-		-		9,986		-		9,986
Other liabilities		8,671		-		-		-		6,932		15,603
Total liabilities		55,038		46,581		67,160		14,751		246,318		429,848
Equity		-		-		-		-		81,075		81,075
Total liabilities and equity		55,038		46,581		67,160		14,751		327,393		510,923
On-book gap		22,413		10,491		7,149		128,613		(168,666)		-
Cumulative on-book gap		22,413		32,904		40,053		168,666		-		-
Contingent resources		15,703		-		-		-		-		15,703
Contingent liabilities		15,731		-		-		-		-		15,731
Off-book gap		(28)		-		-		-		-		(28)
Cumulative off-book gap		(28)		(28)		(28)		(28)		(28)		-
Periodic gap		22,385		10,491		7,149		128,613		(168,666)		(28)
Cumulative total gap	P	22,385	P	32,876	P	40,025	P	168,638	(P)	28	P	-

		Parent Company					
		2017					
		One to Three Months	Three Months to One Year	One to Five Years	More than Five Years	Non-maturity	Total
Resources:							
Cash and cash equivalents	P	34,050	P 673	P 1,441	P 501	P 46,777	P 83,442
Investments - net		14,288	507	11,903	46,207	4,246	77,151
Loans and receivables - net		24,958	46,996	62,684	74,279	56,836	265,753
Other resources - net		5,340	346	32	12	9,500	15,230
Total resources		78,636	48,522	76,060	120,999	117,359	441,576
Liabilities:							
Deposit liabilities		49,147	4,402	10,041	2,505	222,572	288,667
Bills payable		16,009	13,906	5,185	1,500	-	36,600
Bonds payable		-	-	28,060	-	-	28,060
Subordinated debt		-	-	-	9,968	-	9,968
Other liabilities		5,109	-	-	-	6,243	11,352
Total liabilities		70,265	18,308	43,286	13,973	228,815	374,647
Equity		-	-	-	-	66,929	66,929
Total liabilities and equity		70,265	18,308	43,286	13,973	295,744	441,576
On-book gap		8,371	30,214	32,774	107,026	(178,385)	-
Cumulative on-book gap		8,371	38,585	71,359	178,385	-	-
Contingent resources		9,824	-	-	-	-	9,824
Contingent liabilities		9,824	-	-	-	-	9,824
Off-book gap		-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumulative off-book gap		-	-	-	-	-	-
Periodic gap		8,371	30,214	32,774	107,026	(178,385)	-
Cumulative total gap	P	8,371	P 38,585	P 71,359	P 178,385	P -	P -

Pursuant to applicable BSP regulations, the Group is required to maintain reserves against deposit liabilities which are based on certain percentages of deposits. The required reserves against deposit liabilities shall be kept in the form of deposits placed in the Group's demand deposit accounts with the BSP. The BSP also requires the Parent Company and RSB to maintain asset cover of 100% for foreign currency-denominated liabilities of their respective FCDUs.

4.2.1 Foreign Currency Liquidity Management

The liquidity risk management policies and objectives described also apply to the management of any foreign currency to which the Group maintains significant exposure. Specifically, the Group ensures that its measurement, monitoring, and control systems account for these exposures as well. The Group sets and regularly reviews limits on the size of the cash flow mismatches for each significant individual currency and in aggregate over appropriate time horizons. The Group also assesses its access to foreign exchange markets when setting up its risk limits.

Following BSP Circular No. 639 on ICAAP, the Group likewise calculates and maintains a level of capital needed to support unexpected losses attributable to liquidity risk (see Note 5.2).

4.2.2 Liquidity Risk Stress

To augment the effectiveness of the Group's gap analysis, the Group regularly assesses liquidity risk based on behavioral and hypothetical assumptions under stress conditions. The results of these liquidity stress simulations are reported monthly to the ROC.

4.3 Market Risk

The Group's exposure to market risk is the potential diminution of earnings arising from the movement of market interest rates as well as the potential loss of market value, primarily of its holdings of debt securities and derivatives, due to price fluctuation.

The market risks of the Group are: (a) foreign exchange risk, (b) interest rate risk and (c) equity price risk. The Group manages these risks via a process of identifying, analyzing, measuring and controlling relevant market risk factors, and establishing appropriate limits for the various exposures. The market risk metrics in use, each of which has a corresponding limit, include the following:

- Nominal Position – an open risk position that is held as of any point in time expressed in terms of the nominal amount of the exposure.
- Dollar Value of 01 (DV01) – an estimate of the price impact due to a one-basis point change in the yield of fixed income securities. It effectively captures both the nominal size of the portfolio as well as its duration. A given DV01 limit accommodates various combinations of portfolio nominal size and duration, thus providing a degree of flexibility to the trading/risk taking function, but at the same time represents a ceiling to the rate sensitivity of the exposure according to the Group's risk appetite.
- Value-at-Risk (VaR) – an estimate of the amount of loss that a given risk exposure is unlikely to exceed during a given time period, at a given level of statistical confidence. Analytically, VaR is the product of: (a) the sensitivity of the market value of the position to movements of the relevant market risk factors, and (b) the volatility of the market risk factor for the given time horizon at a specified level of statistical confidence. Typically, the Group uses a 99% confidence level for this measurement. VaR is used as a risk measure for trading positions, which are marked-to-market (as opposed to exposures resulting from banking, or accrual, book resources and liabilities). Foreign Exchange Position VaR uses a one-day holding period, while Fixed Income VaR uses a defeasance period assessed periodically as appropriate to allow an orderly unwinding of the position. VaR models are back-tested to ensure that results remain consistent with the expectations based on the chosen statistical confidence level. While the Parent Company and RSB use VaR as an important tool for measuring market risk, they are cognizant of its limitations, notably the following:
 - The use of historical data as a basis for determining the possible range of future outcomes may not always cover all possible scenarios, especially those of an exceptional nature.

- VaR is based on historical volatility. Future volatility may be different due to either random, one-time events or structural changes (including changes in correlation). VaR may be unable to capture volatility due to either of these.
 - The holding period assumption may not be valid in all cases, such as during periods of extremely stressed market liquidity.
 - VaR is, by definition, an estimate at a specified level of confidence. Losses may occur beyond VaR. A 99% VaR implies that losses can exceed VaR 1% of the time.
 - In cases where a parametric distribution is assumed to calculate VaR, the assumed distribution may not fit the actual distribution well.
 - VaR assumes a static position over the holding period. In reality, trading positions change, even during the trading day.
- Net Interest Income (NII)-at-Risk – more specifically, in its current implementation, refers to the impact on net interest income for a 12-month horizon of adverse movements in interest rates. For this purpose, the Group employs a gap analysis to measure the interest rate sensitivity of its financial position (local and foreign currencies). As of a given reporting date, the interest rate gap analysis (see Note 4.3.2) measures mismatches between the amounts of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities re-pricing within “time buckets” going forward from the end of the reporting period. A positive gap means net asset sensitivity, which implies that an increase in the interest rates would have a positive effect on the Group’s net profit. Conversely, a negative gap means net liability sensitivity, implying that an increase in the interest rates would have a negative effect on the Group’s net profit. The rate movements assumed for measuring NII-at-Risk are consistent with a 99% confidence level with respect to historical rate volatility, assuming a one-year holding period. The Group considers the sum of NII-at-risk and the VaR of the FVPL and HTC portfolios as the Earnings-at-Risk (EaR) estimate.
 - Capital-at-Risk (CaR) – BSP Circular No. 544 refers to the estimation of the effect of interest rate changes as not only with respect to earnings, but also on the Group’s economic value. The estimate, therefore, must consider the fair valuation effect of rate changes on non-trading positions. This includes both those positions with fair value changes against profit or loss, as well as those with fair value changes recognized directly in equity. Adding this to the EaR determined using the procedure described above provides a measure of capital subject to interest rate risk. The Group sets its CaR limit as a percentage of the equity in the statement of financial position.

In addition to the limits corresponding to the above measurements, the following are also in place:

- Loss Limit – represents a ceiling on accumulated month-to-date and year-to-date losses. For trading positions, a Management Action Trigger (MAT) is also usually defined to be at 50% of the Loss Limit. When MAT is breached, the risk-taking unit must consult with ALCO for approval of a course of action moving forward.
- Product Limit – the nominal position exposure for certain specific financial instruments is established.

Stress Testing, which uses more severe rate/price volatility and/or holding period assumptions, (relative to those used for VaR) is applied to marked-to-market positions to arrive at “worst case” loss estimates. This supplements the VaR measure, in recognition of its limitations mentioned above.

A summary of the VaR position of the trading portfolios at December 31 is as follows:

		Group						
		<u>At December 31</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>			
2018:								
Foreign currency risk	P	34	P	38	P	72	P	13
Interest rate risk		<u>730</u>		<u>190</u>		<u>843</u>		<u>47</u>
Overall		<u>P 764</u>		<u>P 228</u>		<u>P 915</u>		<u>P 60</u>
2017:								
Foreign currency risk	P	7	P	11	P	32	P	2
Interest rate risk		<u>363</u>		<u>287</u>		<u>501</u>		<u>154</u>
Overall		<u>P 370</u>		<u>P 298</u>		<u>P 533</u>		<u>P 156</u>
2016:								
Foreign currency risk	P	15	P	10	P	28	P	3
Interest rate risk		<u>201</u>		<u>232</u>		<u>425</u>		<u>166</u>
Overall		<u>P 216</u>		<u>P 242</u>		<u>P 453</u>		<u>P 169</u>
		Parent Company						
		<u>At December 31</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>			
2018:								
Foreign currency risk	P	34	P	38	P	71	P	13
Interest rate risk		<u>672</u>		<u>153</u>		<u>773</u>		<u>44</u>
Overall		<u>P 706</u>		<u>P 191</u>		<u>P 844</u>		<u>P 57</u>
2017:								
Foreign currency risk	P	7	P	11	P	31	P	2
Interest rate risk		<u>147</u>		<u>125</u>		<u>277</u>		<u>40</u>
Overall		<u>P 154</u>		<u>P 136</u>		<u>P 308</u>		<u>P 42</u>
2016:								
Foreign currency risk	P	15	P	9	P	27	P	3
Interest rate risk		<u>83</u>		<u>102</u>		<u>217</u>		<u>70</u>
Overall		<u>P 98</u>		<u>P 111</u>		<u>P 244</u>		<u>P 73</u>

4.3.1 Foreign Exchange Risk

Foreign exchange risk is the risk to earnings or capital arising from changes in foreign exchange rates. The net foreign exchange exposure, or the difference between foreign currency denominated assets and foreign currency denominated liabilities, is capped by current BSP regulations. Compliance with this ceiling by the Group and the respective foreign currency positions of its subsidiaries are reported to the BSP on a daily basis as required. Beyond this constraint, the Group manages its foreign exchange exposure by limiting it within the conservative levels justifiable from a return/risk perspective. In addition, the Group regularly calculates VaR for each currency position, which is incorporated in the foregoing market risk management discussion.

The breakdown of the financial resources and financial liabilities as to foreign and Philippine peso-denominated balances, after elimination of intercompany accounts or transactions, as of December 31 follows:

	Group		
	Foreign Currencies	Philippine Pesos	Total
2018:			
<u>Resources:</u>			
Cash and other cash items	P 1,554	P 15,838	P 17,392
Due from BSP	-	56,495	56,495
Due from other banks	19,470	872	20,342
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreements	-	10,032	10,032
Financial assets at FVPL	3,088	4,482	7,570
Financial assets at FVOCI	506	21,481	21,987
Investment securities			
at amortized cost - net	73,224	15,668	88,892
Loans and receivables - net	75,755	322,545	398,300
Other resources	66	919	985
	<u>P 173,663</u>	<u>P 448,332</u>	<u>P 621,995</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Deposit liabilities	P 86,766	P 336,633	P 423,399
Bills payable	38,671	17,330	56,001
Bonds payable	53,090	-	53,090
Subordinated debt	-	9,986	9,986
Accrued interest and other expenses	849	4,135	4,984
Other liabilities	716	11,228	11,944
	<u>P 180,092</u>	<u>P 379,312</u>	<u>P 559,404</u>
2017:			
<u>Resources:</u>			
Cash and other cash items	P 1,029	P 13,664	P 14,693
Due from BSP	-	58,801	58,801
Due from other banks	17,922	1,896	19,818
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreements	37	9,794	9,831
Financial assets at FVPL	1,144	6,447	7,591
Financial assets at FVOCI	51	5,312	5,363
Investment securities			
at amortized cost - net	50,044	9,934	59,978
Loans and receivables - net	54,940	299,303	354,243
Other resources	456	243	699
	<u>P 125,623</u>	<u>P 405,394</u>	<u>P 531,017</u>

	Group		
	Foreign Currencies	Philippine Pesos	Total
Liabilities:			
Deposit liabilities	P 71,868	P 316,544	P 388,412
Bills payable	36,598	7,369	43,967
Bonds payable	28,060	-	28,060
Subordinated debt	-	9,968	9,968
Accrued interest and other expenses	838	3,091	3,929
Other liabilities	<u>4,157</u>	<u>6,359</u>	<u>10,516</u>
	<u>P 141,521</u>	<u>P 343,331</u>	<u>P 484,852</u>
Parent Company			
	Foreign Currencies	Philippine Pesos	Total
2018:			
Resources:			
Cash and other cash items	P 1,300	P 10,925	P 12,225
Due from BSP	-	39,847	39,847
Due from other banks	19,009	411	19,420
Loans and receivables arising from reverse repurchase agreement	-	4,000	4,000
Financial assets at FVPL	3,000	3,690	6,690
Financial assets at FVOCI	-	15,697	15,697
Investment securities at amortized cost - net	68,961	9,634	78,595
Loans and receivables - net	75,625	223,119	298,744
Other resources	<u>66</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>871</u>
	<u>P 167,961</u>	<u>P 308,128</u>	<u>P 476,089</u>
Liabilities:			
Deposit liabilities	P 79,482	P 222,928	P 302,410
Bills payable	43,404	5,355	48,759
Bonds payable	53,090	-	53,090
Subordinated debt	-	9,986	9,986
Accrued interest and other expenses	830	2,935	3,765
Other liabilities	<u>621</u>	<u>7,421</u>	<u>8,042</u>
	<u>P 177,427</u>	<u>P 248,625</u>	<u>P 426,052</u>

	Parent Company		
	Foreign Currencies	Philippine Pesos	Total
2017:			
<u>Resources:</u>			
Cash and other cash items	P 868	P 9,547	P 10,415
Due from BSP	-	47,186	47,186
Due from other banks	17,839	529	18,368
Loans and receivables arising from reverse repurchase agreement	-	7,435	7,435
Financial assets at FVPL	1,145	5,408	6,553
Financial assets at FVOCI	15	3,424	3,439
Investment securities at amortized cost	45,507	2,634	48,141
Loans and receivables - net	54,845	210,946	265,791
Other resources	<u>462</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>571</u>
	<u>P 120,681</u>	<u>P 287,218</u>	<u>P 407,899</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Deposit liabilities	P 64,400	P 224,267	P 288,667
Bills payable	36,597	3	36,600
Bonds payable	28,060		28,060
Subordinated debt	-	9,968	9,968
Accrued interest and other expenses	796	2,213	3,009
Other liabilities	<u>6,135</u>	<u>533</u>	<u>6,668</u>
	<u>P 135,988</u>	<u>P 236,984</u>	<u>P 372,972</u>

4.3.2 Interest Rate Risk

The interest rate risk inherent in the Group's financial statements arises from re-pricing mismatches between financial assets and financial liabilities. The Group follows a policy on managing its assets and liabilities so as to ensure that exposure to fluctuations in interest rates are kept within acceptable limits. ALCO meets at least on a weekly basis to set rates for various assets and liabilities and trading products. ALCO employs interest rate gap analysis to measure the interest rate sensitivity of those financial instruments.

The interest rate gap analyses of financial assets and financial liabilities as of end of the reporting period based on re-pricing maturities are shown on the succeeding pages. It should be noted that such interest rate gap analyses are based on the following key assumptions:

- Loans and time deposits are subject to re-pricing on their contractual maturity dates. Non-performing loans, however, are not re-priced;
- Debt securities at amortized cost are bucketed based on their re-pricing profile;
- Held-for-trading securities and derivatives are considered as non-rate sensitive; and,
- For financial assets and financial liabilities with no definite re-pricing schedule or maturity, slotting is based on the Group's empirical assumptions.

		Group										
		2018										
		One to Three Months	Three Months to One Year	One to Five Years	More than Five Years	Non-rate Sensitive	Total					
Resources:												
Cash and cash equivalents	P	44,797	P	423	P	856	P	112	P	67,595	P	113,783
Investments - net		1,227		7,063		22,311		70,923		17,348		118,872
Loans and receivables - net		225,566		31,295		71,307		18,113		42,497		388,778
Other resources - net		208		173		400		57		22,324		23,162
Total resources		271,798		38,954		94,874		89,205		149,764		644,595
Liabilities:												
Deposit liabilities		148,687		21,665		19,122		3,576		230,349		423,399
Bills payable		39,181		3,122		10,943		2,755		-		56,001
Bonds payable		-		-		53,090		-		-		53,090
Subordinated debt		-		-		-		9,986		-		9,986
Other liabilities		1,902		152		-		-		18,895		20,949
Total liabilities		189,770		24,939		83,155		16,317		249,244		563,425
Equity		-		-		-		-		81,170		81,170
Total liabilities and equity		189,770		24,939		83,155		16,317		330,414		644,595
On-book gap		82,752		14,015		11,719		72,888	(	181,374)		-
Cumulative on-book gap		82,752		96,767		108,486		181,374		-		-
Contingent resources		15,844		-		-		-		-		15,844
Contingent liabilities		15,922		-		-		-		38		15,960
Off-book gap	(	78)		-		-		-	(	38)		(116)
Cumulative off-book gap	(	78)	(	78)	(	78)	(	78)	(	116)		-
Periodic gap		82,674		14,015		11,719		72,888	(	181,412)		(116)
Cumulative total gap	P	82,674	P	96,689	P	108,408	P	181,296	(P	116)	P	-

		Group					
		2017					
		One to Three Months	Three Months to One Year	One to Five Years	More than Five Years	Non-rate Sensitive	Total
<u>Resources:</u>							
Cash and cash equivalents	P	31,016	P 261	P 484	P 80	P 71,340	P 103,181
Investments - net		9,712	1,969	14,818	32,915	13,935	73,349
Loans and receivables - net		163,355	40,828	87,289	31,778	30,955	354,205
Other resources - net		2,657	374	239	517	19,466	23,253
Total resources		<u>206,740</u>	<u>43,432</u>	<u>102,830</u>	<u>65,290</u>	<u>135,696</u>	<u>553,988</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>							
Deposit liabilities		136,523	14,161	18,040	2,505	217,183	388,412
Bills payable		32,690	1,225	5,434	1,499	3,119	43,967
Bonds payable		-	-	28,060	-	-	28,060
Subordinated debt		-	-	-	9,968	-	9,968
Other liabilities		1,006	69	-	-	15,479	16,554
Total liabilities		170,219	15,455	51,534	13,972	235,781	486,961
Equity		-	-	-	-	67,027	67,027
Total liabilities and equity		<u>170,219</u>	<u>15,455</u>	<u>51,534</u>	<u>13,972</u>	<u>302,808</u>	<u>553,988</u>
On-book gap		36,521	27,977	51,296	51,318	(167,112)	-
Cumulative on-book gap		36,521	64,498	115,794	167,112	-	-
Contingent resources		9,969	-	-	-	-	9,969
Contingent liabilities		9,977	-	-	-	198	10,175
Off-book gap	(	8)	-	-	-	(198)	(206)
Cumulative off-book gap	(	8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(206)	-
Periodic gap		36,513	27,977	51,296	51,318	(167,310)	(206)
Cumulative total gap	P	<u>36,513</u>	<u>P 64,490</u>	<u>P 115,786</u>	<u>P 167,104</u>	<u>(P 206)</u>	<u>P -</u>

Parent Company						
2018						
	One to Three Months	Three Months to One Year	One to Five Years	More than Five Years	Non-rate Sensitive	Total
Resources:						
Cash and cash equivalents	P 32,943	P -	P -	P -	P 52,071	P 85,014
Investments - net	993	6,730	19,322	43,826	50,039	120,910
Loans and receivables - net	217,977	15,240	2,495	15,853	37,657	289,222
Other resources - net	-	2	23	2	15,750	15,777
Total resources	251,913	21,972	21,840	59,681	155,517	510,923
Liabilities:						
Deposit liabilities	85,231	11,504	10,674	3,579	191,422	302,410
Bills payable	36,531	1,631	9,141	1,456	-	48,759
Bonds payable	-	-	53,090	-	-	53,090
Subordinated debt	-	-	-	9,986	-	9,986
Other liabilities	1,305	-	-	-	14,298	15,603
Total liabilities	123,067	13,135	72,905	15,021	205,720	429,848
Equity	-	-	-	-	81,075	81,075
Total liabilities and equity	123,067	13,135	72,905	15,021	286,795	510,923
On-book gap	128,846	8,837	(51,065)	44,660	(131,278)	-
Cumulative on-book gap	128,846	137,683	86,618	131,278	-	-
Contingent resources	15,703	-	-	-	-	15,703
Contingent liabilities	15,731	-	-	-	-	15,731
Off-book gap	(28)	-	-	-	-	(28)
Cumulative off-book gap	(28)	(28)	(28)	(28)	(28)	-
Periodic gap	128,818	8,837	(51,065)	44,660	(131,278)	(28)
Cumulative total gap	P 128,818	P 137,655	P 86,590	P 131,250	(P 28)	P -

Parent Company						
2017						
	One to Three Months	Three Months to One Year	One to Five Years	More than Five Years	Non-rate Sensitive	Total
Resources:						
Cash and cash equivalents	P 26,031	P -	P -	P -	P 57,411	P 83,442
Investments - net	9,021	506	11,903	46,207	9,514	77,151
Loans and receivables - net	157,341	27,556	29,093	29,122	22,641	265,753
Other resources - net	7	346	32	12	14,833	15,230
Total resources	192,400	28,408	41,028	75,341	104,399	441,576
Liabilities:						
Deposit liabilities	88,232	5,873	10,041	2,505	182,016	288,667
Bills payable	30,913	-	4,187	1,500	-	36,600
Bonds payable	-	-	28,060	-	-	28,060
Subordinated debt	-	-	-	9,968	-	9,968
Other liabilities	880	-	-	-	10,472	11,352
Total liabilities	120,025	5,873	42,288	13,973	192,488	374,647
Equity	-	-	-	-	66,929	66,929
Total liabilities and equity	120,025	5,873	42,288	13,973	259,417	441,576
On-book gap	72,375	22,535	(1,260)	61,368	(155,018)	-
Cumulative on-book gap	72,375	94,910	93,650	155,018	-	-
Contingent resources	9,824	-	-	-	-	9,824
Contingent liabilities	9,824	-	-	-	-	9,824
Off-book gap	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumulative off-book gap	-	-	-	-	-	-
Periodic gap	72,375	22,535	(1,260)	61,368	(155,018)	-
Cumulative total gap	P 72,375	P 94,910	P 93,650	P 155,018	P -	P -

The table below summarizes the potential impact on the Group's and the Parent Company's annual interest income of parallel rate shifts using the repricing profile shown in the previous pages.

Changes in Interest Rates (in basis points)						
	- 100	- 200	+ 100	+ 200		
December 31, 2018						
Group	(P 1,167)	(P 2,334)	P 1,167	P 2,334		
Parent Company	(1,420)	(2,841)	1,420	2,841		
December 31, 2017						
Group	(P 586)	(P 1,172)	P 586	P 1,172		
Parent Company	(831)	(1,661)	831	1,661		

4.3.3 Equity Price Risk

The Group's exposure to price risk on equity securities held and classified in the statement of financial position as financial assets at FVPL or financial assets at FVOCI as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 is managed through diversification of portfolio and monitoring of changes in market prices. Diversification of the portfolio is done in accordance with the limits set by the Group.

Moreover, RCBC Capital and RSI estimate the potential loss and determine the market and position risk requirement on equity securities at FVPL in the computation of the market and position risk requirement for all equity positions.

RCAP uses the delta-normal approach as its VaR model to estimate the daily potential loss that can be incurred from equity securities held for trading. VaR is a key measure in the management of market price risk. VaR is defined as a statistical estimate of the maximum possible loss on a given position during a time horizon within a given confidence interval. RCAP uses a 99% confidence level and a minimum 260-day observation period in VaR calculation. In addition, RSI computes its market and position risk for all equity positions, if any, in conjunction with the Risk Based Capital Adequacy ratio required to be maintained. Market and position risk requirement is calculated using position risk factor multiplied by mark-to-market value security.

4.4 Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty in a transaction may default, and arises from lending, trade finance, treasury, derivatives and other activities undertaken by the Group. The Group manages credit risk through a system of policies and authorities that govern the processes and practices of all credit-originating and borrowing relationship management units.

The Enterprise Risk Division of CRISMS assists senior management: (a) in establishing risk concentration limits at the portfolio level; and (b) in the continuous monitoring of the actual credit risk portfolio from the perspective of those limits and other risk management objectives. The Credit Management Group (CMG), on the other hand, is responsible for: (a) the development of credit policies relating to account management; (b) the financial evaluation and credit risk rating of borrowers; and, (c) asset quality review.

At the individual borrower level, exposure to credit risk is managed via adherence to a set of policies, the most notable features of which, in this context are: (a) credit approving authority, except as noted below, is not exercised by a single individual but rather, through a hierarchy of limits that is effectively exercised collectively; (b) business center managers have limited approval authority only for credit exposure related to deposit-taking operations in the form of bills purchase, acceptance of second endorsed checks and 1:1 loan accommodations; (c) an independent credit risk assessment by the CMG of large corporate and middle-market borrowers, summarized into a borrower risk rating, is provided as input to the credit decision-making process; and, (d) borrower credit analysis is performed at origination and at least annually thereafter or co-terminus with the renewal of the credit line. In addition, adverse economic and market conditions that may impact a certain borrower or a group of borrowers may trigger the Group to conduct a special credit review prior to expiry of credit line.

In 2018, CMG also started identifying homogenous target market and design Credit Programs that will accelerate credit processing of accounts without sacrificing underwriting quality, and, set up enhanced data framework that would deepen the Bank's ability to identify potential problem accounts earlier.

4.4.1 Concentrations of Credit Risk

Credit risk concentration in the context of banking generally denotes the risk arising from an uneven distribution of counterparties in credit or in any other business relationships, or from a concentration in business sectors or geographic regions which is capable of generating losses large enough to jeopardize an institution's solvency. The Group monitors concentrations of credit risk by sector.

An analysis of concentrations of credit risk of the loan portfolio at the end of the reporting period is shown in Note 11.1.

In the course of the Group's implementation of ICAAP (see Note 5.2), it adopts a quantification of credit risk concentration following frameworks prescribed by some of the more advanced European central banks as well as established concentration metrics. Using sector distribution as a tool, the Group performs a straightforward application of the Herfindahl-Hirshman Index (HHI) to determine the existence of credit risk concentration. The Group supplements this methodology with the use of the Comprehensive Concentration Index (CCI) to monitor and analyze name concentration.

The Group, however, recognizes the inherent limitations of the use of HHI and CCI to assess credit concentration risk. To augment this measure and to appropriately manage said risk, the Group performs an in-depth analysis of its large borrowing groups. To ensure the independence of this process, the review and analysis are done in the context of ROC meetings.

4.4.2 Credit Risk Assessment

The Group's credit risk assessment is performed based on the different segments of financial asset portfolio such as (a) corporate, which generally include corporate banking group loans, commercial and small-medium size segment loans, lease contract and finance receivables, and unquoted debt securities classified as loan (UDSCL), (b) retail, which include housing, auto, credit cards, and microfinance lending; and, (c) treasury, which covers credit exposures on debt securities under the Group's HTC portfolio and FVOCI. The Group also established credit risk assessment procedures for sales contract receivables and other risk assets including accounts receivables.

(a) Corporate Loans

Loans, regardless if the accounts have been fully paid, extended or renewed in subsequent period, are subjected to evaluation for possible losses. The Group's estimation of credit exposure for risk management purposes is complex and requires the use of models, as the exposure varies with changes in market conditions (or industry performance), expected cash flows, and the passage of time. The assessment of credit risk of a portfolio of assets requires further estimations as to the PDs occurring, of the associated loss ratios, and of default correlations between counterparties; accordingly, such credit risk is measured using PD, LGD, and EAD, for purposes of measuring ECL.

The Group uses its internal credit risk rating system (ICRRS) to determine any evidence of potential deterioration in the quality of an instrument that take into consideration both quantitative and qualitative criteria. The rating system classifies performing accounts from a scale of AAA indicating an extremely strong capacity of the counterparty to meet financial commitments down to ratings lower than CCC demonstrating weakness in the counterparty's economic and financial condition that could lead to payment default on financial commitments. Past due accounts, accounts identified for phase-out and those that exhibit the characteristics of classified loans shall be risk-rated following the guidelines on credit classification per BSP Manual of Regulations for Banks and under the BSP Circular No. 1011, i.e., Especially Mentioned, Substandard, Doubtful or Loss. These guidelines are used by the Group to assign the individually assessed loan or a group of loans within a particular portfolio segment to a specific stage category under the PFRS 9 loan impairment standards (i.e. Stage 1, 2, 3).

In assessing accounts subject to individual assessment, the Parent Company has established a materiality threshold of P15 for all exposures classified under Stage 3. Such threshold shall be regularly reviewed at the end of reporting period to ensure that it appropriately captures what the Parent Company considers as material items of loan for individual assessment. The provision for ECL for individually assessed exposures shall reflect consideration of the facts and circumstances that affect the repayment of each individual loan as of evaluation date.

The ICRRS is established by the Group in congruence with and with reference to the credit risk rating methodology used by Standard & Poor's (S&P) in measuring the creditworthiness of an individual borrower, whether the related borrowing is still performing or current in status. The risk ratings determined by the Group for its portfolio of loans and receivables at a given review date is updated to consider the possible shift in the economy or business environment or circumstances affecting the industry and the entity or borrower, in particular. Accordingly, a periodic assessment of credit quality may improve the borrower's rating or it could lead to one or more rating downgrades over time; hence, could lead to the transfer of credit exposure in different stages of impairment. The credit risk ratings in ICRRS are calibrated such that the risk of default increases exponentially at each higher risk rating (e.g., a difference in the PD between a risk rating of A and A- is lower than the difference in the PD between a B and B- risk rating).

In the process of applying the Group's ICRRS in determining the credit quality of loans and receivables, the Group analyzes the credit quality of the borrowers and counterparties through a set of criteria and rating scale classified into the following:

<u>Rating Scale</u>	<u>Rating Description/Criteria</u>
AAA	Extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments
AA*	Very strong capacity to meet financial commitments
A*	Strong capacity to meet financial commitments, but somewhat susceptible to adverse economic conditions and changes in circumstances
BBB*	Adequate capacity to meet financial commitments, but more subject to adverse economic conditions

<u>Rating Scale</u>	<u>Rating Description/Criteria</u>
BB*	Less vulnerable in the near-term but faces major ongoing uncertainties to adverse business, financial and economic conditions
B*	More vulnerable to adverse business, financial and economic conditions but currently has the capacity to meet financial commitments
CCC and below*	Not at risk of loss at the moment and the borrower has the financial capacity to meet its obligations but its exposure to adverse business, financial or economic conditions has weakened it and, unless present trends are reversed, could eventually lead to losses.
Especially Mentioned	Has potential weaknesses that deserve management's close attention and if left uncorrected, these weaknesses may affect the repayment of the loan.
Substandard	Have well-defined weakness(es), that may jeopardize repayment/liquidation in full, either in respect of the business, cash flow or financial position, which may include adverse trends or developments that affect willingness or repayment ability of the borrower.
Doubtful	Loans and credit accommodations that exhibit more severe weaknesses than those classified as "Substandard", whose characteristics on the basis of currently known facts, conditions and values make collection or liquidation highly improbable.
Loss	Loans considered absolutely uncollectible or worthless

** Ratings from AA to CCC are modified by a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.*

As part of credit risk assessment documentation and reporting, the Group includes financial instruments rated as AAA to B- under the "Pass" classification, while instruments rated CCC+ and below are grouped under the Watchlisted classification. Generally, "Pass" classification include loans and other credit accommodations that do not have a greater-than-normal credit risk and do not possess the characteristics of classified loans. These are credits that have the apparent ability and willingness to satisfy their obligations in full and therefore, no loss in ultimate collection is anticipated. On the other hand, watchlisted counterparties are characterized by the following:

- those that belong to an unfavorable industry or has company-specific risk factors which represent a concern;
- the operating performance and financial strength may be marginal and it is uncertain if borrower can attract alternative course of finance;
- borrower finds it hard to cope with any significant economic downturn and a default in such a case is more than a possibility;
- borrower incurs net losses and has salient financial weaknesses, reflected on their financial statements, specifically in profitability.

Split classification/rating may apply for non-performing secured loans and other credit accommodations, depending on the recoverability and liquidity of the collateral. The secured portion may be classified as “substandard” or “doubtful”, as appropriate, while the unsecured portion shall be classified “loss” if there is no other source of payment other than the collateral.

In the case of syndicated loans, the Group shall maintain credit information on the borrower, and grade and make provision for its portion of the syndicated loan in accordance with its policy. The lead financial institution or bank shall provide participating financial institutions with the credit information on the borrower upon request by the participating financial institutions and inform the latter if the loan will be classified so as to achieve uniform classification of the syndicated loan.

(b) Retail Products

Credit Risk Management Division (CRMD) of RSB is, in turn, tasked to measure, control and manage credit risk on the consumer loans business of RSB through the performance of regular monitoring, reporting and recommendation of risk mitigation measures of the actual credit risk portfolio to the Credit Committee and Risk Committee, as well as accomplishment of the corresponding review and development of credit policies and guidelines to sustain asset quality.

For consumer loans, risk assessment is performed on an individual borrower through the use of a credit application scorecard for Housing, Auto and Personal Loans while for Corporate Salary Loans, rule-based credit criteria on company accreditation and borrower evaluation has been established. The credit application scorecard makes use of customer, loan and collateral characteristics which have been assigned weights based on their predictive power in determining the propensity of an account to default or maintain a satisfactory credit performance. Credit decisions are based on recommended score cut-offs.

Asset quality of RSB is monitored through a regular portfolio performance review including customer segmentation and loan concentration risk assessment to identify sources of risk and to determine risk mitigation on segments that drive delinquency or manifests triggers for default. Likewise, close monitoring and review of industry performance, economic changes and market conditions that may affect the consumer loans business is also taken into consideration to establish a holistic risk assessment process.

For the credit card portfolio of the Parent Company, credit risk assessment is performed through segmentation process to diversify the portfolio risk into different homogeneous populations or segments. Over-all account distribution is analyzed for three different snapshots with respect to month-on-month days past due to see consistency in the portfolio.

The groupings of financial instruments into a pool of shared credit quality are subject to the regular review by the Group’s CMD in order to ensure that credit exposures within a particular group remain appropriately homogenous.

(c) *Debt Securities at Amortized Cost and at FVOCI*

For debt securities, the Group adopts similar credit risk ratings published by reputable external rating agency (such as S&P). These ratings are continuously monitored and updated. The PD associated with each rating is determined based on realized default rates over the previous 12 months, as published by the rating agency.

4.4.3 Assessment of Significant Increase in Credit Risk

In assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group assesses the change in the risk of a default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument. In making this assessment, the Group assesses on a periodic basis both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information as appropriate. These may include macroeconomic conditions, economic sector and geographical region relevant to the counterparty or borrower and other factors that are counterparty-specific. As the Group holds various arrays of financial instruments, the extent of assessment may depend on the materiality of the financial instrument or the complexity of the portfolio being assessed.

The Group ECL model follows a three-stage impairment approach in determining the loss allowance to be recognized in the financial statements:

- (i) Stage 1 – comprises of all credit exposures that are considered ‘performing’ and with no observed SICR since initial recognition. These include those financial instruments with low credit risk. For these financial instruments, the loss allowance is determined based on a 12-month ECL.
- (ii) Stage 2 – comprises of all financial instruments assessed to have SICR since initial recognition based on the Group’s quantitative and qualitative criteria, though not yet deemed to be credit-impaired. Using the Group’s ICRR, Stage 2 includes credit exposures that are considered ‘under-performing’ in which risk ratings were downgraded by at least three notches and/or downgraded to CCC+ to Especially Mentioned. Stage 2 financial instruments may also include those facilities where the credit risk has improved and have been reclassified from Stage 3 subject to the Group’s observation period on the creditworthiness of the counterparty. A lifetime ECL is recognized for these financial instruments.
- (iii) Stage 3 – comprises credit exposures which are assessed as ‘credit-impaired’, thus considered by the Group as ‘non-performing’, which is assessed consistently with the Group’s definition of default. Generally, this includes accounts classified as Substandard, Doubtful and Loss. The Group recognizes a lifetime ECL for all credit-impaired financial assets.

The Group considers low credit risk for listed debt security when its credit risk rating is equivalent to a globally understood definition of ‘investment grade’ (which should be from at least one major rating agency); other debt securities are considered to be low credit risk when they have a low risk of default and the issuer has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term.

Financial assets that are credit-impaired on initial recognition are classified as purchased or originated credit-impaired assets. ECL is only recognized or released to the extent that there is a subsequent change in the ECLs.

The criteria for determining whether credit risk has increased significantly vary by portfolio and include quantitative changes in probabilities of default and qualitative factors, including a backstop based on delinquency. The credit risk of a particular exposure is deemed to have increased significantly since initial recognition if, based on the Group's internal credit assessment, the borrower or counterparty is determined to have well-defined credit weaknesses. Under the Group's ICRRS, these are exposures rated at least Substandard. For exposures with no internal credit risk rating performed, if contractual payments are more than a specified days past due threshold, the credit risk is deemed to have increased significantly since initial recognition. Depending on the number of days past due which differ across the various retail products of the Group, a credit exposure may be transferred to Stage 2 or Stage 3. Days past due are determined by counting the number of days since the earliest elapsed due date in respect of which full payment has not been received. In subsequent reporting periods, if the credit risk of the financial instrument improves such that there is no longer a SICR since initial recognition, the Group shall revert to recognizing a 12-month ECL. As a general rule, an upgrade or transfer of credit exposure from Stage 3 to Stage 1 is allowed when there is sufficient evidence to support that full collection of principal and interest is probable, consistent with the Group's definition of curing period.

For portfolios in respect of which the Group has limited historical data, external benchmark information (e.g. Basel LGD) is used to supplement the internally available data. The portfolios for which external benchmark information represents a significant input into measurement of ECL include exposures to foreign borrowers and low default borrower segments.

4.4.4 Definition of Default

(a) Loans and receivables

The Group defines a loan instrument as in default, which is aligned with the definition of credit-impaired, when the borrower is more than 90 days past due on its contractual payments, except for the 30 days past due threshold for retail loans of RSB and one day past due for micro-finance loan portfolio of Rizal Microbank. As part of a qualitative assessment of whether a customer is in default, the Group also considers a variety of instances and factors that may indicate unlikelihood to pay which may include (a) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or borrower; (b) the restructuring of a loan by the Group, for economic or legal reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, on terms that the Group would not consider otherwise; or (c) it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization. When such events occur, the Group carefully considers whether the event should result in treating the customer as defaulted.

A loan that has been renegotiated due to a deterioration in the borrower's condition is usually considered to be credit-impaired unless there is evidence that the risk of not receiving contractual cash flows has reduced significantly and there are no other indicators of impairment.

An instrument is considered to be no longer in default or have cured when the borrower is able to repay the installments in arrears and the account no longer meets any of the default criteria for a consecutive period of 180 days within which the borrower shall make consecutive payments.

These criteria are consistent with the definition of default used for internal credit risk management purposes that is aligned with the default criteria used for regulatory capital purposes. Such definition is consistently applied in determining PD, LGD, and EAD for each loan portfolio segment and throughout the ECL calculations of the Group.

(b) Investments in debt securities

Investments in debt securities is assessed as credit-impaired and impairment losses are incurred if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of an event that occurred after the initial recognition of the security (a “loss event”) and that loss event has impact on the estimated future cash flows of the securities. Losses expected as a result of future events, shall also be considered in estimating the ECL. Objective evidence that the security is impaired includes observable data that comes to the attention of the holder of the security about the following loss events:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor;
- breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- the financial institution, for economic or legal reasons relating to the issuer’s financial difficulty, granting to the issuer a concession that the financial institution would not otherwise consider;
- it becoming probable that the issuer will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization;
- the disappearance of an active market for that security because of financial difficulties; or,
- observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a portfolio of securities since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual securities in the portfolio, including adverse change in the payment status of issuers in the portfolio; or national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the securities in the portfolio.

The disappearance of an active market because a financial institution’s held securities are no longer publicly traded is not evidence of impairment. A downgrade of an issuer’s credit rating is not, by itself, evidence of impairment, although it may be evidence of impairment when considered with other available information. A decline in the fair value of a security below its cost or amortized cost is not necessarily evidence of impairment (for example, a decline in fair value of an investment in debt security that results from an increase in the risk-free interest rate).

In making an assessment of whether an investment in sovereign debt is credit-impaired, the Group considers the following factors:

- the market’s assessment of creditworthiness as reflected in the bond yields;
- the rating agencies’ assessment of creditworthiness;
- the country’s ability to access the capital markets for new debt issuance;
- the probability of debt being restructured, resulting in holders suffering losses through voluntary or mandatory debt forgiveness; or,

- the internal support mechanism in place to provide the necessary support as 'lender of last resort' to that country, as well as the intention, reflected in public statements, of governments and agencies to use those mechanisms. This includes an assessment of the depth of those mechanisms and, irrespective of the political intent, whether there is the capacity to fulfill the required criteria.

4.4.5 Modifications of Financial Assets

In certain cases, the Group modifies the terms of the loans provided to the borrowers due to commercial renegotiations, or for distressed loans, with a view of maximizing recovery of the contractual amount of obligation that the Group is owed to. Restructuring policies and practices are based on indicators or criteria which, in the management's judgment, indicate that payment will most likely continue. Such policies are continuously reviewed and updated as necessary. Restructuring is most commonly applied to term or corporate loans.

The risk of default of such assets after modification is assessed at the reporting date and compared with the risk under the original terms at initial recognition, when the modification is not substantial and so does not result in derecognition of the original asset. The Group monitors the performance of the financial asset subsequent to its modification.

The Group may determine that the credit risk has significantly improved after restructuring (in accordance with the new terms for six consecutive months or more), so that the assets are moved from Stage 3 or Stage 2.

The Group continues to monitor if there is a subsequent SICR in relation to such modified assets through the use of specific models for modified assets.

4.4.6 Expected Credit Loss Measurement Inputs

Integral in the Group's established policies in measuring and calculating ECL on financial instrument is the use of appropriate model for each segment of financial asset that applies relevant inputs and assumptions, including forward-looking information as appropriate.

(a) Key Inputs and Assumptions in the Expected Credit Loss Model

The ECL is determined by projecting the PD, LGD and EAD for each future month and for each individual exposure or collective segment.

- (i) Probability of default (PD) represents an estimate of likelihood of a borrower defaulting on its financial obligation over a given time horizon, either over the next 12 months (12-month PD) or over the remaining lifetime (lifetime PD) of the obligation. PD is calculated based on statistical rating models, and assessed using rating tools tailored to the various categories of counterparties and exposures which considers both quantitative and qualitative factors. In determining PD, the Group performed segmentation of its credit exposures based on homogenous characteristics [including corporate loan and retail loan (including credit-card and microfinance)] and developed a systematic PD methodology for each portfolio. Generally, if a counterparty or exposure migrates between rating classes, this will lead to a change in the estimate of the associated PD.

- (ii) Loss given default (LGD) pertains to estimate of loss related to the amount that may not be recovered after the borrower defaults. The Group estimates LGD parameters based on historical recovery rates of claims against defaulted counterparties, which takes into consideration the realization of any collateral that is integral to the financial asset. For secured credit exposure, the determination of LGD is dependent on the Group's collateral data which are available at the origination of the instrument which takes into account the amount and timing of the cash inflows (actual recovery) and outflows (actual expenses) and on the time value of money. Recoveries are calculated on a discounted cash flows basis using the effective interest rate as the discounting factor.
- (iii) Exposure at default (EAD) represents the gross carrying amount of the exposure in the event of default which include the amortized cost amount of an instrument and any accrued interest receivable. For lending commitments, the EAD includes the amount of drawn and undrawn irrevocable loan commitments under the contract, which are estimated based on historical observations and forward-looking forecast. For some financial assets (e.g., credit card lending), EAD is determined by modelling the range of possible exposure outcomes at various points in time using scenario and statistical technique which considers the ability of cardholders to increase its exposure from the time of ECL calculation to the time of default (i.e., credit conversion factor).

These three components are multiplied together and adjusted for the likelihood of survival (i.e., the exposure has not been prepaid or defaulted in an earlier month). This effectively calculates an ECL for each future month, which is then discounted back to and summed at the end of the reporting period. The discount rate used in the ECL calculation is the original effective interest rate or an approximation thereof.

The lifetime PD is developed by applying a maturity profile to the current 12-month PD. The maturity profile looks at how defaults develop on a portfolio from the point of initial recognition throughout the life of the instrument. The maturity profile is based on historical observed data and is assumed to be the same across all assets within a portfolio and credit grade band. Such profile is supported by a historical analysis (i.e., an observation period of five years) which uses, among others the number of rated accounts and ratings of bad accounts at the time of default. Bad accounts are defaulted accounts classified into three classes such as the non-performing loans, accounts classified as Substandard, Doubtful or Loss, and real past due accounts.

In a risk rating model applied by the Group, a better rating or score denotes less probability of default than those of a worse rating. Identifying the counterparty default is done through a computation of the portfolio's observed default frequency (ODF). In cases when ODF method and the data to be used is limited, the Group may also employ the implied probability of default frequency (IPD) and the application of overlay factors in the PD. Using the historical defaults under the Group's ICRR system based on S&P scale, ODF is calculated per rating class using the cumulative five-year data as the basis for grouping. This represents the actual numbers of bad borrower cases that have occurred during the five-year timeframe. On the other hand, unrated account are distributed to existing S&P rating classes using normal distribution assumption. In cases when there is zero-percent ODF in any of the rating class, these are grouped together with the next rating class with at least one bad borrower using cumulative five-year data. If there is no rating class after certain rating, grouping shall be decided by management.

The 12-month and lifetime EADs are determined based on the expected payment profile, which varies by product type.

For loans with periodic amortization and one-time full payment at end of the term, EAD is based on the contractual repayments owed by the borrower over a 12-month or lifetime basis. This will also be adjusted for any expected overpayments made by a borrower. Early repayment or refinancing assumptions are also incorporated into the calculation.

For revolving products (such as credit cards and credit line facilities), EAD is predicted by taking current drawn balance and adding a “credit conversion factor” which allows for the expected drawdown of the remaining limit by the time of default. These assumptions vary by product type and current limit utilization band, based on analysis of the Group’s recent default data.

The 12-month and lifetime LGDs are determined based on the factors which impact the recoveries made post default, and may vary by product type. For secured products, this is primarily based on collateral type and projected collateral values, historical discounts to market or book values due to forced sales, time to repossession and recovery costs observed. For unsecured products, LGD is typically set at product level due to the limited differentiation in recoveries achieved across different borrowers. The LGD is influenced by collection strategies.

The determination of the 12-month and lifetime PD, LGD, and EAD includes the overlay of forward-looking economic information discussed below.

(b) Overlay of Forward-looking Information

The Group incorporates forward-looking information (FLI) in its assessment of SICR and calculation of ECL. The Group has performed historical analysis and has identified the key macroeconomic variables (MEVs) impacting credit risk associated with its borrowers and/or counterparties and the ECL for relevant portfolio of debt instruments.

The MEVs and their associated impact on the PD, LGD and EAD vary by financial instrument. To project the MEVs for the full remaining life of each financial instrument, a mean reversion approach has been used, which means that MEVs tend to either a long run average rate (e.g. for unemployment) or a long run average growth rate (e.g. GDP) over a period of two to five years. The impact of these economic variables on the PD, LGD and EAD has been determined by performing statistical regression analysis to understand the impact changes in these variables have had historically on default rates and on the components of LGD and EAD.

The MEVs considered by the Group includes economic data and forecasts published by government bodies (e.g., BSP and Philippine Statistics Authority), international organizations (e.g., International Monetary Fund), and certain reputable private and academic organizations involved in forecasting. Accordingly, the Group has identified key drivers for credit risk for its corporate loans portfolio, which include among others, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate, inflation rate, interest rate (i.e., based on 91-day T-bill Yield), and foreign currency exchange rates. On the other hand, the key drivers for the Group’s retail and consumer loans portfolio include unemployment rate, GDP growth rate, consumer spending growth rate, and inflation rate. Using an analysis of historical data, the Group has estimated relationships between MEVs and credit risk and credit losses.

As with any economic forecasts, the projections and likelihoods of occurrence are subject to a high degree of inherent uncertainty, and therefore, the actual outcomes may be significantly different to those projections. The Group considers these forecasts to represent its best estimate of the possible outcomes.

Management has also considered other FLI not incorporated within the above economic scenarios, such as any regulatory, legislative, or political changes, but are not deemed to have a significant impact on the calculation of ECL. Management reviews and monitors the appropriateness of FLIs on a regular basis and additional factors may be incorporated from time to time as deemed appropriate.

4.4.7 Credit Risk Exposures

The table below sets out the gross carrying amounts of the exposures to credit risk on financial assets measured at amortized cost and debt securities at FVOCI as of December 31, 2018. Loans and receivables portfolio was summarized based on financial assets segmentation for ECL assessment purposes.

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Corporate loans	P 280,953	P 260,174	P 271,212	P 250,784
Retail products				
Housing loans	48,661	42,403	-	-
Credit cards	21,550	16,405	21,550	16,405
Other retail products:				
Auto loans	40,968	36,590	-	-
Microfinance	1,219	975	-	-
Other receivables from customers	5,718	5,651	3,501	3,506
Total receivables from customers	399,069	362,198	296,263	270,695
Cash equivalents	96,391	88,488	72,789	73,027
Debt securities				
At amortized cost	89,027	60,068	78,621	48,141
At FVOCI	15,526	-	12,021	-
	P 600,013	P 510,754	P 459,694	P 391,863

Other receivables from customers include sales contract receivables, accrued interest on debt securities, and other receivables.

Cash equivalents includes loans and advances to banks (i.e., Due from BSP, Due from Other Banks, Loans under Reverse Repurchase Agreements, and Interbank Loans Receivables), see Note 9. These are held with central bank and financial institutions counterparties that are reputable and with low credit risk.

The information about the credit exposures on the above financial assets as well as on loan commitments by stages of impairment as of December 31, 2018, shown at their gross carrying amounts with the corresponding allowance for ECL are shown in the succeeding pages. All instruments, which were not assessed by the Group for ECL based on individual credit risk rating were evaluated on a collective basis, applying applicable PD and LGD based on the segment of instrument.

The maximum exposure to credit risks for other financial assets including loan commitments is limited to their carrying values as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

a) *Loans and receivables - Group*

	Corporate Loans				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired	Total
Pass					
AAA to BBB	P 8,158	P 4	P 1	P -	P 8,163
BBB- to B-	252,062	495	221	-	252,778
Watchlisted	60	3,348	7,610	-	11,018
Especially mentioned	11	343	90	-	444
Defaulted	687	316	4,074	52	5,129
Unrated	<u>1,081</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,421</u>
	262,059	4,512	14,330	52	280,953
Allowance for ECL	(<u>698</u>)	(<u>729</u>)	(<u>5,036</u>)	(<u>36</u>)	(<u>6,499</u>)
Carrying amount	<u>P 261,361</u>	<u>P 3,783</u>	<u>P 9,294</u>	<u>P 16</u>	<u>P 274,454</u>

Purchased credit-impaired financial assets pertain to the non-performing loans of RCBC – JPL which were acquired as credit-impaired prior to 2018.

	Retail Products			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Housing loans				
Unclassified	P 41,764	P -	P -	P 41,764
Especially mentioned	331	65	-	396
Substandard	118	5,161	1,032	6,311
Loss	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>190</u>
	42,213	5,226	1,222	48,661
Allowance for ECL	(<u>145</u>)	(<u>395</u>)	(<u>437</u>)	(<u>977</u>)
Carrying amount	<u>42,068</u>	<u>4,831</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>47,684</u>
Credit cards				
Current	19,815	20	-	19,835
1-29 dpd	430	5	-	435
30-59 dpd	-	220	-	220
60-89 dpd	-	168	-	168
Defaulted	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>892</u>	<u>892</u>
	20,245	413	892	21,550
Allowance for ECL	(<u>380</u>)	(<u>163</u>)	(<u>757</u>)	(<u>1,300</u>)
Carrying amount	<u>19,865</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>20,250</u>
Other products				
Unclassified	34,869	396	51	35,316
Especially mentioned	21	9	-	30
Substandard	1,730	4,300	740	6,770
Doubtful	-	-	42	42
Loss	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>
	36,620	4,705	862	42,187
Allowance for ECL	(<u>204</u>)	(<u>191</u>)	(<u>253</u>)	(<u>648</u>)
Carrying amount	<u>36,416</u>	<u>4,514</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>41,539</u>
	<u>P 98,349</u>	<u>P 9,595</u>	<u>P 1,529</u>	<u>P 109,473</u>
Total gross amount	P 99,078	P 10,344	P 2,976	P 112,398
Total allowance for ECL	(<u>729</u>)	(<u>749</u>)	(<u>1,447</u>)	(<u>2,925</u>)
Total carrying amount	<u>P 98,349</u>	<u>P 9,595</u>	<u>P 1,529</u>	<u>P 109,473</u>

	Other Receivables from Customers			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Pass				
AAA to BBB	P 1,159	P -	P -	P 1,159
BBB- to B-	203	-	-	203
Watchlisted	-	1	-	1
Defaulted	-	211	232	443
Unrated	<u>3,452</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>3,912</u>
	4,814	343	561	5,718
Allowance for ECL	(<u>317</u>)	(<u>129</u>)	(<u>421</u>)	(<u>867</u>)
Carrying amount	<u>P 4,497</u>	<u>P 214</u>	<u>P 140</u>	<u>P 4,851</u>

b) *Loans and receivables - Parent*

	Corporate Loans			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Pass				
AAA to BBB	P 8,139	P 4	P 1	P 8,144
BBB- to B-	246,540	24	221	246,785
Watchlisted	60	2,602	7,610	10,272
Especially mentioned	-	248	90	338
Defaulted	-	-	2,575	2,575
Unrated	<u>1,903</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1,189</u>	<u>3,098</u>
	256,642	2,884	11,686	271,212
Allowance for ECL	(<u>596</u>)	(<u>297</u>)	(<u>4,348</u>)	(<u>5,241</u>)
Carrying amount	<u>P 256,046</u>	<u>P 2,587</u>	<u>P 7,338</u>	<u>P 265,971</u>

	Retail Products			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Credit cards				
Current	P 19,815	P 20	P -	P 19,835
1-29 dpd	430	5	-	435
30-59 dpd	-	220	-	220
60-89 dpd	-	168	-	168
Defaulted	-	-	892	892
	20,245	413	892	21,550
Allowance for ECL	(<u>380</u>)	(<u>163</u>)	(<u>757</u>)	(<u>1,300</u>)
Carrying amount	<u>P 19,865</u>	<u>P 250</u>	<u>P 135</u>	<u>P 20,250</u>

	Other Receivables from Customers			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Pass				
AAA to BBB	P 1,159	P -	P -	P 1,159
BBB- to B-	197	-	-	197
Defaulted	-	211	199	410
Unrated	<u>1,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>1,735</u>
	3,059	211	231	3,501
Allowance for ECL	(<u>317</u>)	(<u>21</u>)	(<u>162</u>)	(<u>500</u>)
Carrying amount	<u>P 2,742</u>	<u>P 190</u>	<u>P 69</u>	<u>P 3,001</u>

c) *Investments in debt securities at amortized cost and at FVOCI*

	Group		Parent Company	
	HTC	FVOCI	HTC	FVOCI
Government securities				
AA+ to A+	P 2,058	P -	P 2,058	P -
BBB+ to BBB-	<u>64,026</u>	<u>15,138</u>	<u>55,326</u>	<u>12,021</u>
	<u>66,084</u>	<u>15,138</u>	<u>57,384</u>	<u>12,021</u>
Corporate debt securities				
AAA	1,352	-	1,352	-
AA+ to A+	2,255	-	2,255	-
A to A-	1,283	-	1,283	-
BBB+ to BBB-	12,135	5	11,967	-
BB+ to BB-	5,828	383	4,380	-
B+ and below	<u>90</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	22,943	388	21,237	-
Allowance for ECL	(<u>135</u>)	<u>-</u>	(<u>26</u>)	<u>-</u>
	<u>22,808</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>21,211</u>	<u>-</u>
	P 88,892	P 15,526	P 78,595	P 12,021

Credit exposures for debt securities not held for trading are all classified as Stage 1.

d) *Loan commitments*

The credit quality of the Group's and Parent Company's irrevocable loan commitments with amounts determined after considering credit conversion factor, as of December 31, 2018 follows:

	Group and Parent Company			Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
Corporate loans				
Pass				
AAA to BBB	P 1,479	P -	P -	P 1,479
BBB- to B-	24,967	-	-	24,967
Watchlisted	-	16	-	16
Unrated	<u>657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>657</u>
	27,103	16	-	27,119
Allowance for ECL	(<u>10</u>)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	(<u>10</u>)
	<u>27,093</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,109</u>
Credit cards				
Current	54,153	37	-	54,190
1-29 dpd	341	7	-	348
30-59 dpd	-	71	-	71
60-89 dpd	-	45	-	45
Defaulted	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>241</u>
	54,494	160	241	54,895
Allowance for ECL	(<u>84</u>)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	(<u>84</u>)
	<u>54,410</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>54,811</u>
	P 81,503	P 176	P 241	P 81,920

4.4.8 Allowance for Expected Credit Loss

The following tables show the reconciliation of the loss allowance for ECL by class of financial instruments at the beginning and end of 2018.

a) *Loans and receivables - Group*

	Corporate Loans				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Credit-impaired	Total
Balance at beginning of year	P 757	P 1,574	P 3,484	P 46	P 5,861
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(290)	290	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(42)	-	42	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	324	(324)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(430)	430	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	1	-	(1)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	403	(403)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(319)	(877)	(331)	-	(1,527)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	447	-	-	-	447
Moved to Stage 2 and 3	-	188	1,801	-	1,989
Write-offs	-	-	(148)	-	(148)
Others	(180)	(95)	162	(10)	(123)
	(59)	(845)	1,552	(10)	638
Balance at end of year	P 698	P 729	P 5,036	P 36	P 6,499
	Retail Products				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total	
Housing loans					
Balance at beginning of year	P 147	P 180	P 767	P 1,094	
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(33)	33	-	-	
Stage 2 to Stage 1	327	(327)	-	-	
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(165)	165	-	
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	423	(423)	-	
Asset derecognized or repaid	(359)	(114)	(75)	(548)	
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	63	-	-	63	
Moved to Stage 2 and 3	-	365	3	368	
	(2)	215	(330)	(117)	
Balance at end of year	145	395	437	977	

	Retail Products			
	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>	<u>Stage 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Credit cards				
Balance at beginning of year	P 260	P 355	P 439	P 1,054
Transfers:				
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(9)	9	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(25)	-	25	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	28	(28)	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(61)	61	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	14	-	(14)	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	42	(42)	-
New assets originated:				
Remained in Stage 1	76	-	-	76
Moved to Stage 2 and 3	-	23	33	56
Write-offs	-	-	(1,129)	(1,129)
Others	36	(177)	1,384	1,243
	<u>120</u>	<u>(192)</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>246</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>380</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>757</u>	<u>1,300</u>
Other products				
Balance at beginning of year	P 90	P 270	P 395	P 755
Transfers:				
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(55)	55	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1)	-	1	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	14	(14)	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(36)	36	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(11)	(234)	(172)	(417)
New assets originated:				
Remained in Stage 1	167	-	-	167
Moved to Stage 2	-	156	-	156
Write-offs	-	(6)	(7)	(13)
	<u>114</u>	<u>(79)</u>	<u>(142)</u>	<u>(107)</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>204</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>648</u>
	<u>P 729</u>	<u>P 749</u>	<u>P 1,447</u>	<u>P 2,925</u>

b) *Loans and receivables - Parent*

	Corporate Loans			
	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>	<u>Stage 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at beginning of year	P 693	P 1,203	P 2,901	P 4,797
Transfers:				
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1)	1	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1)	-	1	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	13	(13)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	1	-	(1)	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(319)	(877)	(313)	(1,509)
New assets originated:				
Remained in Stage 1	390	-	-	390
Moved to Stage 2 and 3	-	78	1,746	1,824
Write-offs	-	-	(148)	(148)
Others	(180)	(95)	162	(113)
	<u>(97)</u>	<u>(906)</u>	<u>1,447</u>	<u>444</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>P 596</u>	<u>P 297</u>	<u>P 4,348</u>	<u>P 5,241</u>

	Retail Products			
	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>	<u>Stage 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Credit cards				
Balance at beginning of year	<u>P 260</u>	<u>P 355</u>	<u>P 439</u>	<u>P 1,054</u>
Transfers:				
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(9)	9	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(25)	-	25	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	28	(28)	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(61)	61	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	14	-	(14)	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	42	(42)	-
New assets originated:				
Remained in Stage 1	76	-	-	76
Moved to Stage 2 and 3	-	23	33	56
Write-offs	-	-	(1,129)	(1,129)
Others	<u>36</u>	<u>(177)</u>	<u>1,384</u>	<u>1,243</u>
	<u>120</u>	<u>(192)</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>246</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>P 380</u>	<u>P 163</u>	<u>P 757</u>	<u>P 1,300</u>

c) *Investments in debt securities at amortized cost and at FVOCI*

In 2018, the Group and Parent Company has recognized ECL amounting to P45 and P15, respectively, for investments in debt securities at amortized cost, which are all in Stage 1, resulting in allowance for ECL as of December 31, 2018 amounting to P135. No ECL was recognized for debt securities at FVOCI acquired during the year.

d) *Loan commitments*

Allowance for ECL recognized both by the Group and Parent Company related to undrawn loan commitments as of December 31, 2018 amounted to P94, presented as ECL provisions on loan commitments under Other Liabilities account (see Note 22). ECL recognized in profit or loss in 2018 amounted to recovery of P13.

The information on how the significant changes in the gross carrying amount of the financial instruments contributed to the changes in the amount of allowance for ECL are presented in Note 4.4.9.

4.4.9 Significant Changes in Gross Carrying Amount Affecting Allowance for ECL

The tables below provides information how the significant changes in the gross carrying amount of financial instruments in 2018 contributed to the changes in the allowance for ECL.

a) Loans and receivables - Group

	Corporate Loans				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Credit-impaired	Total
Balance at beginning of year	P 241,246	P 12,298	P 6,560	P 70	P 260,174
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1,648)	1,648	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(123)	-	123	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	1,442	(1,442)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(745)	745	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	2	-	(2)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	932	(932)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(109,091)	(11,114)	(989)	(18)	(121,212)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	130,231	-	-	-	130,231
Moved to Stage 2 and 3	-	2,935	8,973	-	11,908
Write-offs	-	-	(148)	-	(148)
	<u>20,813</u>	<u>(7,786)</u>	<u>7,770</u>	<u>(18)</u>	<u>20,779</u>
Balance at end of year	P 262,059	P 4,512	P 14,330	P 52	P 280,953
	Retail Products				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total	
Housing loans					
Balance at beginning of year	P 41,165	P 922	P 1,675	P 43,762	
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(3,283)	3,283	-	-	
Stage 1 to Stage 3	-	-	-	-	
Stage 2 to Stage 1	394	(394)	-	-	
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(2,020)	2,020	-	
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	2,115	(2,115)	-	
Assets derecognized or repaid	(3,636)	(908)	(364)	(4,908)	
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	7,573	-	-	7,573	
Moved to Stage 2 and 3	-	2,228	6	2,234	
	<u>42,213</u>	<u>5,226</u>	<u>1,222</u>	<u>48,661</u>	

	Retail Products			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Credit cards				
Balance at beginning of year	15,488	478	439	16,405
Transfers:				
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(300)	300	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(490)	-	490	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	39	(39)	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(83)	83	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	14	-	(14)	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	42	(42)	-
New assets originated:				
Remained in Stage 1	3,972	-	-	3,972
Moved to Stage 2 and 3	-	58	45	103
Write-offs	-	-	(1,129)	(1,129)
Others	1,522	(343)	1,020	2,199
	<u>20,245</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>892</u>	<u>21,550</u>
Other products				
Balance at beginning of year	P 32,807	P 4,137	P 625	P 37,569
Transfers:				
Stage 1 to stage 2	(350)	350	-	-
Stage 1 to stage 3	(73)	-	73	-
Stage 2 to stage 1	266	(266)	-	-
Stage 2 to stage 3	-	(388)	388	-
Stage 3 to stage 2	-	-	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(999)	(1,084)	(217)	(2,300)
New assets originated:				
Remained in Stage 1	4,969	-	-	4,969
Moved to Stage 2 and 3	-	1,961	-	1,961
Write-offs	-	(5)	(7)	(12)
	<u>36,620</u>	<u>4,705</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>42,187</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>P 99,078</u>	<u>P 10,344</u>	<u>P 2,976</u>	<u>P 112,398</u>

b) *Loans and receivables - Parent*

	Corporate Loans			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Balance at beginning of year	P 236,435	P 10,465	P 3,884	P 250,784
Transfers:				
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(49)	49	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(109)	-	109	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	95	(95)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	2	-	(2)	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(109,033)	(9,519)	(927)	(119,479)
New assets originated:				
Remained in Stage 1	129,301	-	-	129,301
Moved to Stage 2 and 3	-	1,984	8,770	10,754
Write-offs	-	-	(148)	(148)
	<u>20,207</u>	<u>(7,581)</u>	<u>7,802</u>	<u>20,428</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>P 256,642</u>	<u>P 2,884</u>	<u>P 11,686</u>	<u>P 271,212</u>

	Retail Products			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Credit cards				
Balance at beginning of year	P 15,488	P 478	P 439	P 16,405
Transfers:				
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(300)	300	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(490)	-	490	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	39	(39)	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(83)	83	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	14	-	(14)	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	42	(42)	-
New assets originated:				
Remained in Stage 1	3,972	-	-	3,972
Moved to Stage 2 and 3	-	58	45	103
Write-offs	-	-	(1,129)	(1,129)
Others	1,522	(343)	1,020	2,199
	<u>4,757</u>	<u>(65)</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>5,145</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>P 20,245</u>	<u>P 413</u>	<u>P 892</u>	<u>P 21,550</u>

The Group's receivables arising from salary loans are generally fully recoverable as those are collected through salary deductions, except for those receivables from resigned employees which were provided with full ECL allowance.

Allowance for ECL for other receivables increased by P411 and P296 for the Group and the Parent Company, respectively, in 2018 from the allowance for ECL recognized at the beginning of the year amounting to P456 and P204, for the Group and the Parent Company, respectively. At the Group level, the significant transaction that mainly contributed to this change pertains to the P316 increase in accounts receivables recognized by a subsidiary which were classified as Stage 3 as of December 31, 2018. On the other hand, increase in the allowance for ECL of the Parent Company is mainly attributed to a certain defaulted other receivable amounting to P120 classified as Stage 3.

c) *Investment in debt securities at amortized cost and at FVOCI*

	Group		Parent Company	
	HTC	FVOCI	HTC	FVOCI
Balance at beginning of year	P 60,068	P -	P 48,141	P -
Effect of adoption of PFRS 9 (see Note 2.2)	(261)	415	54	-
Assets purchased	77,488	19,828	76,286	16,364
Assets derecognized	(48,268)	(4,690)	(45,860)	(4,493)
Fair value gains	-	(27)	-	150
Balance at end of year	<u>P 89,027</u>	<u>P 15,526</u>	<u>P 78,621</u>	<u>P 12,021</u>

4.4.10 Impaired Financial Assets – Comparative Information under PAS 39

For comparative information, the table below provides the details of exposures to credit risk as of December 31, 2017, summarized based on the Group's impairment assessment methodology under PAS 39.

	Group		Parent	
	Loans and Receivables	Trading and Investment Securities	Loans and Receivables	Trading and Investment Securities
Individually Assessed for Impairment				
Especially mentioned	P 1,308	P -	P -	P -
Sub-standard	4,181	-	995	-
Doubtful	250	-	22	-
Loss	<u>1,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>-</u>
Gross amount	6,961	-	1,176	-
Unearned interest and discount	(46)	-	-	-
Allowance for impairment	(<u>2,249</u>)	<u>-</u>	(<u>276</u>)	<u>-</u>
Carrying amount	<u>4,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>-</u>
Collectively Assessed for Impairment				
Unrated	103,319	-	18,314	-
BBB+ to BBB-	21,128	-	21,128	-
BB+ to BB	40,848	-	40,848	-
BB- to BB	76,321	-	76,321	-
B to B-	105,963	-	105,480	-
CCC+ and below	581	-	581	-
Especially mentioned	105	-	105	-
Sub-standard	678	-	678	-
Doubtful	726	-	656	-
Loss	<u>125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>-</u>
Gross amount	349,794	-	264,236	-
Unearned interest and discount	(771)	-	(332)	-
Allowance for impairment	(<u>4,451</u>)	<u>-</u>	(<u>3,632</u>)	<u>-</u>
Carrying amount	<u>344,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,272</u>	<u>-</u>
UDSCL	1,939	-	1,177	-
Other receivables	4,359	-	4,476	-
Allowance for impairment	(<u>1,293</u>)	<u>-</u>	(<u>1,034</u>)	<u>-</u>
Carrying amount	<u>5,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,619</u>	<u>-</u>
Neither Past Due Nor Impaired	<u>-</u>	<u>68,879</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,004</u>
Total Carrying Amount	<u>P 354,243</u>	<u>P 68,879</u>	<u>P 265,791</u>	<u>P 54,004</u>

4.4.11 Collateral Held as Security and Other Credit Enhancements

The Group holds collateral against loans and advances to customers in the form of hold-out deposits, real estate mortgage, standby letters of credit or bank guaranty, government guaranty, chattel mortgage, assignment of receivables, pledge of equity securities, personal and corporate guaranty and other forms of security. Estimates of fair value are based on the value of collateral assessed at the time of borrowing and are generally updated annually.

Generally, collateral is not held over loans and advances to other banks, except when securities are held as part of reverse repurchase and securities borrowing arrangements. Collateral is not usually held against trading and investment securities, and no such collateral was held as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

The estimated fair value of collateral and other security enhancements held against the loan portfolio as of December 31, 2018 are presented below.

	Group			
	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>	<u>Stage 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Real properties	P 128,714	P 19,441	P 5,656	P 153,811
Chattel	51,450	21,290	4,286	77,026
Hold-out deposits	9,175	21	620	9,816
Equity securities	6,437	-	-	6,437
Others	<u>36,405</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>1,096</u>	<u>37,776</u>
	<u>P 232,181</u>	<u>P 41,027</u>	<u>P 11,658</u>	<u>P 284,866</u>
	Parent Company			
	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>	<u>Stage 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Real properties	P 92,120	P 10,891	P 3,787	P 106,798
Hold-out deposits	9,175	21	274	9,470
Equity securities	6,437	-	-	6,437
Chattel	5,398	37	-	5,435
Others	<u>32,799</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>33,780</u>
	<u>P 145,929</u>	<u>P 11,190</u>	<u>P 4,801</u>	<u>P 161,920</u>

The comparative information on the estimated fair value of collateral and other security enhancements held against the loan portfolio as of December 31, 2017 based on PAS 39 credit quality description is shown below.

	<u>Group</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>
Against individually impaired		
Real property	P 1,164	P 1,164
Chattels	207	-
Against classified accounts but not impaired		
Real property	54,256	42,594
Chattels	10,959	1,434
Equity securities	5,356	5,356
Others	630	270
Against neither past due nor impaired		
Real property	95,088	76,200
Chattels	55,026	-
Hold-out deposits	15,799	14,380
Others	<u>28,017</u>	<u>25,105</u>
	<u>P 266,502</u>	<u>P 166,503</u>

The Group and Parent Company has recognized certain properties arising from foreclosures in settlement of loan account amounting to P672 and P202, respectively, in 2018 and P2,360 and P19, respectively, in 2017 (see Note 14.1).

The Group's and Parent Company's manner of disposing the collateral for impaired loans and receivables is normally through sale of these assets after foreclosure proceedings have taken place. The Group and Parent Company does not generally use the non-cash collateral for its own operations.

There were no changes in the Group and Parent Company's collateral policies in 2018 and 2017.

4.4.12 Write-offs

The Group writes off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery of the financial asset. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include: cessation of enforcement activity; and, where the Group's recovery method is through foreclosure of collateral and the value of the collateral is less than the outstanding contractual amounts of the financial assets to be written-off.

4.4.13 Credit Risk Stress Test

To enhance the assessment of credit risk, the Group adopted a credit risk stress testing framework using break-even sales and cash flow debt service to determine a borrower's vulnerability and ultimately impact to the Group's capital adequacy. The Parent Company adopts a portfolio credit risk testing framework that takes into consideration the causal relationships among industry sectors.

4.5 Operational Risk

Operational risks are risks arising from the potential inadequate information systems and systems, operations or transactional problems (relating to service or product delivery), breaches in internal controls, fraud, or unforeseen catastrophes that may result in unexpected loss. Operational risks include the risk of loss arising from various types of human or technical error, settlement or payments failures, business interruption, administrative and legal risks, and the risk arising from systems not performing adequately.

The Operational Risk Management Division (ORMD) assists management in meeting its responsibility to understand and manage operational risk exposures and to ensure consistent application of operational risk management tools across the Group.

The ORMD applies a number of techniques to efficiently manage operational risks. Among these are as follows:

- Each major business line has an embedded designated operational risk officer who acts as a point person for the implementation of various operational risk tools. The operational risk officers attend annual risk briefings conducted by the ORMD to keep them up-to-date with different operational risk issues, challenges and initiatives;
- With ORMD's bottom up self-assessment process, which is conducted at least annually, areas with high risk potential are highlighted and reported, and control measures are identified. The result of said self-assessment exercise also serves as one of the inputs in identifying specific key risk indicators (KRIs);
- KRIs are used to monitor the operational risk profile of the Group and of each business unit, and alert management of impending problems in a timely fashion;
- Internal loss information is collected, reported, and utilized to model operational risk; and,
- The ORMD reviews product and operating manuals, policies, procedures and circulars, thus allowing the embedding of desired operational risk management practices in all business units.

Operational Risk Management, as it relates to capital adequacy, is currently under Basic Indicator Approach (see Note 5.2).

The Group has also developed a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) based on several crisis severity levels which is tested at least annually and updated for any major changes in systems and procedures. Central to the Group's BCP is a disaster recovery plan to address the continued functioning of systems, recovery of critical data, and contingency processing requirements in the event of a disaster.

4.5.1 Reputation Risk

Reputation risk is the risk to earnings or capital arising from negative public opinion. This affects the Group's ability to establish new relationships or services, or to continue servicing existing relationships. This risk can expose the Group to litigation, financial loss, or damage to its reputation. Reputation risk arises whenever technology-based banking products, services, delivery channels, or processes may generate adverse public opinion such that it seriously affects the Group's earnings or impairs its capital. This risk is present in activities such as asset management and regulatory compliance.

The Group adopted a reputation risk monitoring and reporting framework to manage public perception. Central to the said framework is the creation of the RCBC Marketing Council chaired by the head of the Parent Company's Chief Marketing Officer.

4.5.2 Legal Risk and Regulatory Risk Management

Changes in laws and regulations and fiscal policies could adversely affect the Group's operations and financial reporting. In addition, the Group faces legal risks in enforcing its rights under its loan agreements, such as foreclosing of collateral. Legal risk is higher in new areas of business where the law remains untested by the courts. The Group uses a legal review process as the primary control mechanism for legal risk. Such a legal review aims to verify and validate the existence, genuineness and due execution of legal documents, and verify the capacity and authority of counterparties and customers to enter into transactions. In addition, the Group seeks to minimize its legal risk by using stringent legal documentation, imposing certain requirements designed to ensure that transactions are properly authorized, and consulting internal and external legal advisors.

Regulatory risk refers to the potential for the Group to suffer financial loss due to changes in the laws or monetary, tax or other governmental regulations of the country. The Group's Compliance Program, the design and implementation of which is overseen and coordinated by the Compliance Officer, is the primary control process for regulatory risk issues. The Compliance Office is committed to safeguard the integrity of the Group by maintaining a high level of regulatory compliance. It is responsible for communicating and disseminating new rules and regulations to all units, assessing and addressing identified compliance issues, performing periodic compliance testing on branches and head office units, and reporting compliance findings to the Audit and Compliance Committee and the BOD.

4.6 Anti-Money Laundering Controls

The AMLA or RA No. 9160 was passed in September 2001. It was subsequently amended by RA No. 9194, RA No. 10167, and RA No. 10365 in March 2003, June 2012 and February 2013, respectively. Together with the Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act (CFT) which was passed in June 2012 by virtue of RA No. 10168, these laws provide the regulatory framework for the Philippine Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Prevention regulations.

Under the AMLA, as amended, the Group is required to submit Covered Transaction Reports (CTRs). CTRs involve single transactions in cash or other equivalent monetary instruments in excess of P0.5 within one banking day. The Group is also required to submit STRs to the AMLC in the event that there are reasonable grounds to believe that any amounts processed are the proceeds of money laundering or terrorist financing activities.

The AMLA requires the Group to safe keep, as long as the account exists, all the Know Your Customer (KYC) documents involving its clients, including official documents that establish and record their true and full identity. In addition, transactional documents are required to be maintained and stored for five years from the date of the transaction. In cases involving closed accounts, the KYC documents must be retained for five years after their closure. Meanwhile, all records of accounts with court cases must be preserved until resolved with finality.

On January 27, 2011, BSP Circular No. 706 (the Circular) was implemented superseding prior rules and regulations on AMLA. The Circular requires the Group to adopt a comprehensive and risk-based Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Prevention Program (MLPP) designed according to the covered institution's corporate structure and risk profile. In compliance with the risk-based approach mandated by the Circular, the Group profiles its clients based on their level of risk, specifically, Low, Normal, or High. These risk levels have their corresponding level of due diligence, specifically, Reduced, Average or Enhanced. BSP Circular No. 706 was later amended by BSP Circular No. 950.

The Group's MLPP is revised annually to ensure that its KYC policies and guidelines are updated. Under the guidelines, each business unit is required to validate the true identity of a customer based on official or other reliable identifying documents or records prior to account opening. Decisions to enter into a business relationship with a high risk customer requires senior management approval, and in some cases such as a politically exposed person or a private individual holding a prominent position, a Group Head's approval is necessary.

The Group's Chief Compliance Officer, through the Anti-Money Laundering Division, monitors AML/CFT compliance by conducting regular compliance testing of the head office and business units. Results of its AML/CFT activities and compliance monitoring are regularly reported to the AMLCom, Senior Management Committee and the BOD to ensure that all AML/CFT matters are appropriately escalated.

In 2016, the Group instituted reforms aimed to reinforce its AML/CFT controls. The Group significantly lowered the thresholds for remittances, required more posting reviews during the day, and strengthened the process for escalation, fraud and unusual transactions. In addition, the Group has embarked on a re-engineering of its settlements and business center operations, and the consolidation and strengthening of its fraud management framework.

An essential aspect in the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing is the training of Group's personnel. In the latter part of 2016 to the first quarter of 2017, the Group conducted a one-time bank-wide AML Certification training for all its employees with the aid of an external AML expert. Annual AML trainings, classroom and e-learning, are key features of the Group's regular training program.

In addition to the Group's existing transaction monitoring system, the Group has also subscribed to an international watchlist database in 2017 to further strengthen its screening capabilities for client on-boarding and cross-border transactions.

The Group continuously improved controls over Money Laundering risks and had implemented the necessary enhancements of the on-boarding procedures, risk profiling model, transaction processing and monitoring. Corresponding trainings were provided to equip personnel with the necessary skills to perform the enhanced procedures. On July 31, 2017, the AML Board Committee was created to meet on a monthly basis and provide oversight of AML related activities of the Bank.

5. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

5.1 Regulatory Capital

The Group's lead regulator, the BSP, sets and monitors the capital requirements of the Group.

In implementing the current capital requirements, the BSP requires the Group to maintain a prescribed ratio of qualifying regulatory capital to total risk-weighted assets including market risk and operational risk computed based on BSP-prescribed formula provided under its circulars.

On January 15, 2013, the BSP issued Circular No. 781, *Basel III Implementing Guidelines on Minimum Capital Requirements*, which provides the implementing guidelines on the revised risk-based capital adequacy framework particularly on the minimum capital and disclosure requirements for universal banks and commercial banks, as well as their subsidiary banks and quasi-banks, in accordance with the Basel III standards. Circular No. 781 is effective on January 1, 2014.

The BSP has adopted the Basel III risk-based capital adequacy framework effective January 1, 2014, which requires the Group to maintain at all times the following:

- (a) Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) of at least 6.0% of risk weighted assets;
 - (b) Tier 1 Capital of at least 7.5% of risk-weighted assets;
 - (c) Qualifying Capital (Tier 1 plus Tier 2 Capital) of at least 10.0% of risk-weighted assets;
- and,
- (d) Capital Conservation Buffer of 2.5% of risk weighted assets, comprised of CET1 Capital.

Under the relevant provisions of the current BSP regulations, the required minimum capitalization for the Parent Company, RSB, Rizal Microbank, RCBC Capital and RCBC LFC is P20,000, P2,000, P400, P300 and P300, respectively.

In computing for the capital adequacy ratio (CAR), the regulatory qualifying capital is analyzed into two tiers which are: (i) Tier 1 Capital comprised of CET1 and Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital, and, (ii) Tier 2 Capital, defined as follows and are subject to deductions as defined in relevant regulations:

- (a) Common Equity Tier 1 Capital includes the following:
 - (i) paid-up common stock;
 - (ii) common stock dividends distributable;
 - (iii) additional paid-in capital;
 - (iv) deposit for common stock subscription;
 - (v) retained earnings;
 - (vi) undivided profits;
 - (vii) other comprehensive income from net unrealized gains or losses on financial assets at FVOCI and cumulative foreign currency translation; and,
 - (viii) minority interest in subsidiary banks which are less than wholly-owned, subject to regulatory conditions.

(b) AT1 Capital includes:

- (i) instruments that do not qualify as CET1, but meet the criteria set out in Annex B of BSP Circular 781;
- (ii) financial liabilities meeting loss absorbency requirements set out in Annex E of BSP Circular 781;
- (iii) financial liabilities bearing loss absorbency features at point of non-viability as set out in Annex F of BSP Circular 781;
- (iv) additional paid-in capital resulting from issuance of AT1 capital;
- (v) deposit for subscription to AT1 instruments; and,
- (vi) minority interest in subsidiary banks which are less than wholly-owned, subject to regulatory conditions.

(c) Tier 2 Capital includes:

- (i) instruments issued that are not qualified as Tier 1 capital but meet the criteria set forth in Annex C of BSP Circular 781;
- (ii) financial liabilities bearing loss absorbency features at point of non-viability as set out in Annex F of BSP Circular 781;
- (iii) deposit for subscription of Tier 2 capital;
- (iv) appraisal increment reserve on bank premises, as authorized by the Monetary Board (MB);
- (v) general loan loss provisions; and,
- (vi) minority interest in subsidiary banks that are less than wholly-owned, subject to regulatory conditions.

In the calculation of Risk-based Capital Adequacy Ratio, the total Qualifying Capital is expressed as a percentage of Total Risk Weighted Assets based on book exposures, where Risk Weighted Assets is composed of Credit Risk, Market Risk and Operational Risk, net of specific provisions and exposures covered by credit risk mitigation (CRM).

Banking book exposures shall be risk-weighted based on third party credit assessment of the individual exposure given by eligible external credit institutions and the corresponding external credit assessment are mapped with the corresponding risk weights following the Standardized Credit Risk Weights table as provided under BSP Circular 538.

The Group's and Parent Company's regulatory capital position based on the Basel III risk-based capital adequacy framework as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 follows:

	<u>Group</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>
2018:		
Tier 1 Capital		
CET 1	P 67,539	P 53,512
AT1	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	67,542	53,515
Tier 2 Capital	<u>13,871</u>	<u>13,173</u>
Total Qualifying Capital	<u>P 81,413</u>	<u>P 66,688</u>
Total Risk – Weighted Assets	<u>P 504,657</u>	<u>P 404,136</u>
Capital ratios:		
Total qualifying capital expressed as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets	16.13%	16.50%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	13.38%	13.24%
Total CET 1 Ratio	13.38%	13.24%
2017:		
Tier 1 Capital		
CET 1	P 54,326	P 40,873
AT1	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	54,329	40,876
Tier 2 Capital	<u>13,115</u>	<u>12,456</u>
Total Qualifying Capital	<u>P 67,444</u>	<u>P 53,332</u>
Total Risk – Weighted Assets	<u>P 436,269</u>	<u>P 347,932</u>
Capital ratios:		
Total qualifying capital expressed as a percentage of total risk weighted assets	15.46%	15.33%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	12.45%	11.75%
Total CET 1 Ratio	12.45%	11.75%

The foregoing capital ratios comply with the related BSP prescribed ratios.

5.2 Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment and Pillar 2 Risk-Weighted Assets

In January 2009, the BSP issued Circular No. 639 on the ICAAP and Supervisory Review Process covering universal and commercial banks on a group-wide basis. As a supplement to BSP Circular No. 538 on the Risk-Based Capital Adequacy Framework, ICAAP sets out the following principles:

- (a) Banks must have a process for assessing capital adequacy relative to their risk profile, operating environment, and strategic/business plans;
- (b) The Bank's ICAAP is the responsibility of the BOD, must be properly documented and approved and with policies and methodologies integrated into banking operations;
- (c) The Bank's ICAAP should address other material risks – Pillar 2 risks – in addition to those covered by Pillar 1, with risk measurement methodologies linked to the assessment of corresponding capital requirement both on a business-as-usual (BAU) and stressed scenario;
- (d) The minimum CAR prescribed by the BSP after accounting for Pillar 1 and other risks is retained at 10%; and,
- (e) The Bank's ICAAP document must be submitted to the BSP every January 31 of each year, beginning 2011.

The Group submitted its first ICAAP trial document in January 2009. Subsequent revisions to the trial document were made, and likewise submitted in February 2010 and May 2010 following regulatory review and the Group's own process enhancements. Complementing the ICAAP document submissions were dialogues between the BSP and the Group's representatives, the second of which transpired last November 2010 between a BSP panel chaired by the Deputy Governor for Supervision and Examination, and the members of the Parent Company's EXCOM. The Group submitted its final ICAAP document within the deadline set by the BSP. Henceforth up to 2014, the annual submission of an ICAAP document is due every January 31st and every March 31st starting in 2015, as prescribed by the BSP.

The Group identified the following Pillar 2 risks as material to its operations, and consequently set out methodologies to quantify the level of capital that it must hold.

- (a) *Credit Risk Concentration* – The Group has so far limited its analysis to credit risk concentration arising from the uneven sector distribution of the Group's credit exposures. Aside from using a simplified application of the HHI, concentration is estimated using the Comprehensive Concentration Index (CCI). The capital charge is estimated by calculating the change in the Economic Capital (EC) requirement of the credit portfolio as an effect of credit deterioration in the largest industry exposure.
- (b) *Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book (IRRBB)* – It is the current and prospective negative impact on earnings and capital arising from interest rate shifts. The Group estimates interest rate risk in the banking book as its NII-at-risk, and accordingly deducts the same from regulatory qualifying capital. Stressed IRRBB is calculated by applying the highest observed market volatilities over a determined timeframe.
- (c) *Liquidity Risk* – The Group estimates its liquidity risk under BAU scenario using standard gap analysis. Stressed liquidity risk on the other hand assumes a repeat of a historical liquidity stress, and estimates the impact if the Group were to partially defend its deposits and partially pay-off by drawing from its reserve of liquid assets.

- (d) *Information Technology Risk* – It is the current and prospective negative impact to earnings arising from failure of IT systems and realization of cyber security threats. The Group treats this risk as forming part of Operational Risk.
- (e) *Compliance Risk* – It is the current and prospective negative impact on earnings and capital arising from violation of laws, regulations, ethical standards, and the like. For Business-as-usual scenario, the Group estimates compliance risk charge from historical fines and penalties as the worst-case loss determined via a frequency-severity analysis of each penalty type. The resulting compliance risk charge calculation is likewise directly deducted from earnings.
- (f) *Strategic Business Risk* – It is the current and prospective negative impact on earnings and capital arising from adverse business decisions, improper implementation, and failure to respond to industry changes. The Group treats strategic business risk as a catch-all risk, and expresses its estimate as a cap on additional risk-weighted assets given other risks and the desired level of capital adequacy. The Group maintains that the assessment of strategic risk is embedded in the budget of the Group. Its capital impact therefore on a business-as-usual case is already expressed in the amount of risk projected to be taken on in the forecast years. However, the Group does recognize the need to set up processes that would enable to put a number to the risk incurred by going into specific strategies.
- (g) *Reputation Risk* – From the adoption of a theoretical measure, the Group amended its approach to reputation risk in 2011 by adopting instead a reputation risk monitoring and reporting process, run primarily by its Public Relations Committee. The measurement of reputation risk under stress is folded into the Group’s assessment of stressed liquidity risk.

6. CATEGORIES AND OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

6.1 Carrying Amounts and Fair Values by Category

The following table summarizes the carrying amounts and corresponding fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities presented in the statements of financial position.

	Group			
	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>	
	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Financial Assets				
At amortized cost:				
Cash and cash equivalents	P 113,783	P 113,783	P 103,181	P 103,181
Investment securities - net	88,892	86,876	59,978	56,396
Loans and receivables - net	388,778	401,745	354,205	358,354
Other resources	<u>985</u>	<u>985</u>	<u>699</u>	<u>699</u>
	<u>592,438</u>	<u>603,389</u>	<u>518,063</u>	<u>518,630</u>
At fair value:				
Investment securities at FVPL	7,570	7,570	7,591	7,591
Investment securities at FVOCI	<u>21,987</u>	<u>21,987</u>	<u>5,363</u>	<u>5,363</u>
	<u>29,557</u>	<u>29,557</u>	<u>12,954</u>	<u>12,954</u>
	<u>P 621,995</u>	<u>P 632,946</u>	<u>P 531,017</u>	<u>P 531,584</u>

	Group			
	2018		2017	
	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<i>Financial Liabilities</i>				
At amortized cost:				
Deposit liabilities	P 423,399	P 424,437	P 388,412	P 388,528
Bills payable	56,001	56,001	43,967	43,967
Bonds payable	53,090	55,281	28,060	29,465
Subordinated debt	9,986	9,955	9,968	10,299
Accrued interest and other expenses	4,984	4,984	3,929	3,929
Other liabilities	<u>11,944</u>	<u>11,944</u>	<u>10,516</u>	<u>10,516</u>
	559,404	562,602	484,852	486,704
At fair value –				
Derivative financial liabilities	<u>894</u>	<u>894</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>483</u>
	<u>P 560,298</u>	<u>P 563,496</u>	<u>P 485,335</u>	<u>P 487,187</u>

	Parent Company			
	2018		2017	
	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<i>Financial Assets</i>				
At amortized cost:				
Cash and cash equivalents	P 85,014	P 85,014	P 83,442	P 83,442
Investment securities - net	78,595	76,228	48,141	47,784
Loans and receivables - net	289,222	299,846	265,753	266,382
Other resources	<u>871</u>	<u>871</u>	<u>571</u>	<u>571</u>
	453,702	461,959	397,907	398,179
At fair value:				
Investment securities at FVPL	6,690	6,690	6,553	6,553
Investment securities at FVOCI	<u>15,697</u>	<u>15,697</u>	<u>3,439</u>	<u>3,439</u>
	<u>22,387</u>	<u>22,387</u>	<u>9,992</u>	<u>9,992</u>
	<u>P 476,089</u>	<u>P 484,346</u>	<u>P 407,899</u>	<u>P 408,171</u>

<i>Financial Liabilities</i>				
At amortized cost:				
Deposit liabilities	P 302,410	P 303,448	P 288,667	P 288,783
Bills payable	48,759	48,759	36,600	36,600
Bonds payable	53,090	55,281	28,060	29,465
Subordinated debt	9,986	9,955	9,968	10,299
Accrued interest and other expenses	3,765	3,765	3,009	3,009
Other liabilities	<u>8,042</u>	<u>8,042</u>	<u>6,668</u>	<u>6,668</u>
	426,052	429,250	372,972	374,824
At fair value –				
Derivative financial liabilities	<u>894</u>	<u>894</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>483</u>
	<u>P 426,946</u>	<u>P 430,144</u>	<u>P 373,455</u>	<u>P 375,307</u>

Except for investment securities at amortized cost, bonds payable and subordinated debt with fair value disclosed different from their carrying amounts, management considers that the carrying amounts of other financial assets and financial liabilities presented above which are measured at amortized cost, approximate the fair values either because those instruments are short-term in nature or the effect of discounting for those with maturities of more than one year is not material. The fair value information disclosed for the Group's and Parent Company's investment securities at amortized cost and other financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are determined based on the procedures and methodologies discussed in Note 7.2.

6.2 Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

The following financial assets presented in the statements of financial position at gross amounts are covered by enforceable master netting arrangements and similar arrangements:

	Notes	Group				Net amount
		Gross amounts recognized in the statements of financial position	Related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position			
			Financial instruments	Collateral received		
December 31, 2018						
Loans and receivables –						
Receivable from customers	11	P 389,073	(P 9,814)	(P 6,437)	P	372,822
Trading and investment securities – Investment securities at amortized cost	10	118,449	(25,438)	-		93,011
Other resources – Margin deposits	15	19	-	(19)		-
December 31, 2017						
Loans and receivables –						
Receivable from customers	11	P 352,845	(P 15,799)	(P 5,356)	P	331,690
Trading and investment securities – Investment securities at amortized cost	10	72,932	(7,437)	-		65,495
Other resources – Margin deposits	15	23	-	(23)		-

		Parent Company					
		<u>Notes</u>	<u>Gross amounts recognized in the statements of financial position</u>	<u>Related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position</u>		<u>Net amount</u>	
				<u>Financial instruments</u>	<u>Collateral received</u>		
December 31, 2018							
Loans and receivables –							
Receivable from customers	11	P	289,940	(P 9,470)	(P 6,437)	P 274,033	
Trading and investment securities – Investment securities at amortized cost	10		100,982	(25,438)	-	75,544	
Other resources – Margin deposits	15		19	-	(19)	-	
December 31, 2017							
Loans and receivables –							
Receivable from customers	11	P	264,631	(P 14,380)	(P 5,356)	P 244,895	
Trading and investment securities – Investment securities at amortized cost	10		58,133	(7,437)	-	50,696	
Other resources – Margin deposits	15		23	-	(23)	-	

The following financial liabilities presented in the statements of financial position at gross amounts are covered by enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements:

		Group					
		<u>Notes</u>	<u>Gross amounts recognized in the statements of financial position</u>	<u>Related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position</u>		<u>Net amount</u>	
				<u>Financial instruments</u>	<u>Collateral received</u>		
December 31, 2018							
Deposit liabilities	17	P	423,399	(P 9,814)	P -	P 413,585	
Bills payable	18		56,001	(25,438)	-	30,563	
Other liabilities – Derivative financial liabilities	22		894	-	(862)	32	
December 31, 2017							
Deposit liabilities	17	P	388,412	(P 15,799)	P -	P 372,613	
Bills payable	18		43,967	(7,437)	-	36,530	
Other liabilities – Derivative financial liabilities	22		483	-	(23)	460	
		Parent Company					
		<u>Notes</u>	<u>Gross amounts recognized in the statements of financial position</u>	<u>Related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position</u>		<u>Net amount</u>	
				<u>Financial instruments</u>	<u>Collateral received</u>		
December 31, 2018							
Deposit liabilities	17	P	302,410	(P 9,470)	P -	P 292,940	
Bills payable	18		48,759	(25,438)	-	23,321	
Other liabilities – Derivative financial liabilities	22		894	-	(19)	875	
December 31, 2017							
Deposit liabilities	17	P	288,667	(P 14,380)	P -	P 274,287	
Bills payable	18		36,600	(7,437)	-	29,163	
Other liabilities – Derivative financial liabilities	22		483	-	(23)	460	

For financial assets and financial liabilities subject to enforceable master netting agreements or similar arrangements above, each agreement between the Group and its counterparties allows for net settlement of the relevant financial assets and liabilities when both elect to settle on a net basis. In the absence of such an election, financial assets and liabilities will be settled on a gross basis. However, each party to the master netting agreement or similar agreement will have the option to settle all such amounts on a net basis in the event of default of the other party.

For purposes of presenting the above information, the related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position pertains to: (a) hold-out deposits and equity securities which serve as the Group's collateral enhancement for certain loans and receivables; (b) collateralized bills payable under sale and repurchase agreements; and, (c) margin deposits which serve as security for outstanding financial market transactions and other liabilities. The financial instruments that can be set off are only disclosed to the extent of the amounts of the Group's obligations to counterparties.

7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT AND DISCLOSURES

7.1 Fair Value Hierarchy

In accordance with PFRS 13, *Fair Value Measurement*, the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities and non-financial assets which are measured at fair value on a recurring or non-recurring basis and those assets and liabilities not measured at fair value but for which fair value is disclosed in accordance with other relevant PFRS, are categorized into three levels based on the significance of inputs used to measure the fair value.

The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that an entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and,
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The level within which the asset or liability is classified is determined based on the lowest level of significant input to the fair value measurement.

For purposes of determining the market value at Level 1, a market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

For investments which do not have quoted market price, the fair value is determined by using generally acceptable pricing models and valuation techniques or by reference to the current market value of another instrument which is substantially the same after taking into account the related credit risk of counterparties, or is calculated based on the expected cash flows of the underlying net asset base of the instrument.

When the Group uses valuation technique, it maximizes the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates. If all significant inputs required to determine the fair value of an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in Level 2. Otherwise, it is included in Level 3. Changes in assumptions could also affect the reported fair value of the financial instruments. The Group uses judgment to select a variety of valuation techniques and to make assumptions that are mainly based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period.

7.2 Financial Instruments Measured at Fair Value

The table below shows the fair value hierarchy of the Group's classes of financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value in the statements of financial position on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

	Group			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
2018:				
Financial assets				
at FVPL:				
Government securities	P 3,511	P -	P -	P 3,511
Corporate debt securities	1,660	-	-	1,660
Equity securities	675	-	-	675
Derivative assets	-	1,724	-	1,724
	5,846	1,724	-	7,570
Financial assets at FVOCI –				
Equity securities	2,045	427	3,989	6,461
Government securities	15,138	-	-	15,138
Corporate debt securities	388	-	-	388
	17,571	427	3,989	21,987
Total Resources at Fair Value	<u>P 23,417</u>	<u>P 2,151</u>	<u>P 3,989</u>	<u>P 29,557</u>
Derivative liabilities	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 894</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 894</u>
2017:				
Financial assets				
at FVPL:				
Government securities	P 4,386	P -	P -	P 4,386
Corporate debt securities	462	-	-	462
Equity securities	1,081	-	543	1,624
Derivative assets	29	1,090	-	1,119
	5,958	1,090	543	7,591
Financial assets at FVOCI –				
Equity securities	3,456	197	1,710	5,363
Total Resources at Fair Value	<u>P 9,414</u>	<u>P 1,287</u>	<u>P 2,253</u>	<u>P 12,954</u>
Derivative liabilities	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 483</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 483</u>

	Parent Company			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
2018:				
Financial assets at FVPL:				
Government securities	P 3,419	P -	P -	P 3,419
Corporate debt securities	1,547	-	-	1,547
Derivative assets	-	1,724	-	1,724
	4,966	1,724	-	6,690
Financial assets at FVOCI –				
Equity securities	1,475	255	1,946	3,676
Government securities	12,021	-	-	12,021
	13,496	255	1,946	15,697
Total Resources at Fair Value	<u>P 18,462</u>	<u>P 1,979</u>	<u>P 1,946</u>	<u>P 22,387</u>
Derivative liabilities	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 894</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 894</u>
2017:				
Financial assets at FVPL:				
Government securities	P 4,289	P -	P -	P 4,289
Corporate debt securities	455	-	-	455
Equity securities	147	-	543	690
Derivative assets	29	1,090	-	1,119
	4,920	1,090	543	6,553
Financial assets at FVOCI –				
Equity securities	1,761	197	1,481	3,439
Total Resources at Fair Value	<u>P 6,681</u>	<u>P 1,287</u>	<u>P 2,024</u>	<u>P 9,992</u>
Derivative liabilities	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 483</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 483</u>

Described below are the information about how the fair values of the Group's classes of financial assets and financial liabilities were determined.

(a) Government and Corporate Debt Securities

The fair value of the Group's government and corporate debt securities are categorized within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

In 2018, fair values of peso-denominated government debt securities issued by the Philippine government, are determined based on the reference price per Bloomberg which used Bloomberg Valuation Service (BVAL). These BVAL reference rates are computed based on the weighted price derived using an approach based on a combined sequence of proprietary BVAL algorithms of direct observations or observed comparables. In 2017, fair value is determined to be the reference price per PDEx which had been based on price quoted or actually dealt in an active market. For other quoted debt securities, fair value is determined to be the current mid-price, which is computed as the average of ask and bid prices as appearing on Bloomberg.

(b) *Equity Securities*

The fair values of equity securities classified as financial assets at FVPL and FVOCI as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 were valued based on their market prices quoted in the PSE at the end of each reporting period; hence, categorized within Level 1.

Level 2 category includes the Group's investments in proprietary club shares as their prices are not derived from a market considered as active due to lack of trading activities among market participants at the end of each reporting period.

For equity securities which are not traded in an active market and with fair value categorized within Level 3, their fair value is determined through valuation techniques such as market-based approach (price-to-book value method) using current market values of comparable listed entities, discounted cash flow method, net asset value method, or dividend discounted model.

The price-to-book value method use to value a certain equity security of the Parent Company uses the price-to-book ratio of comparable listed entities as multiple in determining the fair value adjusted by a certain valuation discount. The price-to-book ratio used in the fair value measurement as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 ranges from 0.620:1 to 2.110:1 and from 0.578:1 to 2.290:1, respectively. Increase or decrease in the price-to-book ratio and net asset value would result in higher or lower fair values, all else equal.

For a certain preferred equity security, the Group has used the discounted cash flow method applying a discount rate of 6.28% to determine the present value of future cash flows from dividends or redemption expected to be received from the instrument.

A reconciliation of the carrying amounts of Level 3 equity securities at the beginning and end of 2018 and 2017 is shown below.

	Group		
	Financial Assets at FVOCI	Financial Assets at FVPL	Total
2018:			
Balance at beginning of year	P 1,710	P 543	P 2,253
Additions	2,000	-	2,000
Reclassification	543	(543)	-
Fair value losses - net	(264)	-	(264)
Balance at end of year	<u>P 3,989</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 3,989</u>
2017:			
Balance at beginning of year	P 1,744	P 586	P 2,330
Fair value losses	(34)	(43)	(77)
Balance at end of year	<u>P 1,710</u>	<u>P 543</u>	<u>P 2,253</u>

	Parent Company					
	Financial Assets at FVOCI		Financial Assets at FVPL		Total	
2018:						
Balance at beginning of year	P	1,481	P	543	P	2,024
Reclassifications		543	(	543)		-
Fair value losses - net	(	78)		-	(	78)
Balance at end of year	P	1,946	P	-	P	1,946
2017:						
Balance at beginning of year	P	1,515	P	586	P	2,101
Fair value losses	(	34)	(	43)	(	77)
Balance at end of year	P	1,481	P	543	P	2,024

As permitted by the transitional provisions under PFRS 9, the Parent Company has reclassified by designation at January 1, 2018 certain private equity securities with fair value of P543 from FVPL category as of December 31, 2017 to FVOCI [see Note 2.2(a)].

There were neither transfers between the levels of the fair value hierarchy nor gains or losses recognized in the statements of profit or loss for Level 3 financial assets in 2018 and 2017.

(c) *Derivative Assets and Liabilities*

The fair value of the Group's derivative assets categorized within Level 1 is determined directly based on published price quotation available in Bloomberg for an identical instrument in an active market at the end of each of the reporting period.

On the other hand, the fair values of certain derivative financial assets and liabilities categorized within Level 2 were determined through valuation techniques using net present value computation which makes use of the streams of cash flows related to the derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swaps and currency swaps.

7.3 Financial Instruments Measured at Amortized Cost for Which Fair Value is Disclosed

The table below summarizes the fair value hierarchy of the Group's and Parent Company's financial assets and financial liabilities which are not measured at fair value in the statements of financial position but for which fair value is disclosed.

	Group			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
2018:				
<i>Financial Assets:</i>				
Cash and other cash items	P 17,392	P -	P -	P 17,392
Due from BSP	56,495	-	-	56,495
Due from other banks	20,342	-	-	20,342
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreement	10,032	-	-	10,032
Investment securities at amortized cost	86,876	-	-	86,876
Loans and receivables - net	-	-	401,745	401,745
Other resources	-	-	985	985
	P 191,137	P -	P 402,730	P 593,867
<i>Financial Liabilities:</i>				
Deposit liabilities	P -	P -	P 424,437	P 424,437
Bills payable	-	-	56,001	56,001
Bonds payable	-	55,281	-	55,281
Subordinated debt	-	9,955	-	9,955
Accrued interest and other expenses	-	-	4,984	4,984
Other liabilities	-	-	11,944	11,944
	P -	P 65,236	P 497,366	P 562,602
2017:				
<i>Financial Assets:</i>				
Cash and other cash items	P 14,693	P -	P -	P 14,693
Due from BSP	58,801	-	-	58,801
Due from other banks	19,818	-	-	19,818
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreement	9,831	-	-	9,831
Investment securities at amortized cost	56,396	-	-	56,396
Loans and receivables - net	-	-	358,354	358,354
Other resources	-	-	699	699
	P 159,539	P -	P 359,053	P 518,592
<i>Financial Liabilities:</i>				
Deposit liabilities	P -	P -	P 388,528	P 388,528
Bills payable	-	-	43,967	43,967
Bonds payable	-	29,465	-	29,465
Subordinated debt	-	10,299	-	10,299
Accrued interest and other expenses	-	-	3,929	3,929
Other liabilities	-	-	10,516	10,516
	P -	P 39,764	P 446,940	P 486,704

		Parent Company			
		<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018:					
<i>Financial Assets:</i>					
Cash and other					
cash items	P	12,225	P -	P -	P 12,225
Due from BSP		39,847	-	-	39,847
Due from					
other banks		19,420	-	-	19,420
Loans arising from					
reverse repurchase					
agreement		4,000	-	-	4,000
Investment securities					
at amortized cost		76,228	-	-	76,228
Loans and					
receivables - net		-	-	299,846	299,846
Other resources		-	-	871	871
		<u>P 151,720</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 300,717</u>	<u>P 452,437</u>
<i>Financial Liabilities:</i>					
Deposit liabilities	P	-	P -	P 303,448	P 303,448
Bills payable		-	-	48,759	48,759
Bonds payable		-	55,281	-	55,281
Subordinated debt		-	9,955	-	9,955
Accrued interest and					
other expenses		-	-	3,765	3,765
Other liabilities		-	-	8,042	8,042
		<u>P -</u>	<u>P 65,236</u>	<u>P 364,014</u>	<u>P 429,250</u>
2017:					
<i>Financial Assets:</i>					
Cash and other					
cash items	P	10,415	P -	P -	P 10,415
Due from BSP		47,186	-	-	47,186
Due from					
other banks		18,368	-	-	18,368
Loans arising from					
reverse repurchase					
agreement		7,435	-	-	7,435
Investment securities					
at amortized cost		47,784	-	-	47,784
Loans and					
receivables - net		-	-	266,382	266,382
Other resources		-	-	571	571
		<u>P 131,188</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 266,953</u>	<u>P 398,141</u>
<i>Financial Liabilities:</i>					
Deposit liabilities	P	-	P -	P 288,783	P 288,783
Bills payable		-	-	36,600	36,600
Bonds payable		-	29,465	-	29,465
Subordinated debt		-	10,299	-	10,299
Accrued interest and					
other expenses		-	-	3,009	3,009
Other liabilities		-	-	6,668	6,668
		<u>P -</u>	<u>P 39,764</u>	<u>P 335,060</u>	<u>P 374,824</u>

The following are the methods used to determine the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities not presented in the statements of financial position at their fair values:

(a) Due from BSP and Other Banks, and Loans and Receivables Arising from Reverse Repurchase Agreements

Due from BSP pertains to deposits made to the BSP for clearing and reserve requirements, overnight and term deposit facilities, while loans and receivables arising from reverse repurchase agreements pertain to loans and receivables from BSP arising from overnight lending from excess liquidity. Due from other banks includes items in the course of collection. The fair value of floating rate placements and overnight deposits is their carrying amount. The estimated fair value of fixed interest-bearing deposits is based on the discounted cash flows using prevailing money market interest rates for debt with similar credit risk and remaining maturity, which for short-term deposits approximate the nominal value.

(b) Investment Securities at Amortized Cost

The fair value of investment securities at amortized cost consisting of government securities and corporate debt securities is determined based on reference prices appearing in Bloomberg in 2018 and as published in PDEx in 2017 as discussed more fully in Note 7.2(a).

(c) Deposits Liabilities and Borrowings

The estimated fair value of demand deposits with no stated maturity, which includes non-interest-bearing deposits, is the amount repayable on demand. The estimated fair value of long-term fixed interest-bearing deposits and other borrowings without quoted market price is based on discounted cash flows using interest rates for new debts with similar remaining maturity. The Level 2 fair value of bonds payable and subordinated debt is determined based on the average of ask and bid prices as appearing on Bloomberg. For bills payable categorized within Level 3, fair value is determined based on their discounted amount of estimated future cash flows expected to be received or paid, or based on their cost which management estimates to approximate their fair values.

(d) Other Resources and Other Liabilities

Due to their short duration, the carrying amounts of other resources and liabilities in the statements of financial position are considered to be reasonable approximation of their fair values.

7.4 Fair Value Disclosures for Investment Properties Carried at Cost

The total estimated fair values of the investment properties amounted to P5,298 and P4,940 in the Group's financial statements and P6,267 and P6,161 in the Parent Company's financial statements as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively (see Note 14.3). The fair value hierarchy of these properties as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 is categorized as Level 3.

The fair values of the Group's and Parent Company's investment properties were determined based on the following approaches:

(a) Fair Value Measurement for Land

The Level 2 fair value of land was derived using the market comparable approach that reflects the recent transaction prices for similar properties in nearby locations as determined by an independent appraiser. Under this approach, when sales prices and/or actual sales transaction of comparable land in close proximity are used in the valuation of the subject property with no adjustment on the price, fair value is included in Level 2.

On the other hand, if the observable and recent prices of the reference properties were adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size, location and zoning, and accessibility, or any physical or legal restrictions on the use of the property, the fair value will be categorized as Level 3. The most significant input into this valuation approach is the price per square feet, hence, the higher the price per square feet, the higher the fair value.

(b) Fair Value Measurement for Buildings

The Level 3 fair value of the buildings was determined using the cost approach that reflects the cost to a market participant to construct an asset of comparable usage, construction standards, design and layout, adjusted for obsolescence. The more significant inputs used in the valuation include direct and indirect costs of construction such as but not limited to, labor and contractor's profit, materials and equipment, surveying and permit costs, electricity and utility costs, architectural and engineering fees, insurance and legal fees. These inputs were derived from various suppliers and contractor's quotes, price catalogues, and construction price indices. Under this approach, higher estimated costs used in the valuation will result in higher fair value of the properties.

There has been no change in the valuation techniques for investment properties in both years.

8. SEGMENT INFORMATION

8.1 Business Segments

The Group's operating businesses are managed separately according to the nature of services provided (primary segments) and the different geographical markets served (secondary segments) with a segment representing a strategic business unit. The Group's business segments follow:

- (a) Retail* – principally handles the business centers offering a wide range of consumer banking products and services. Products offered include individual customer's deposits, credit cards, home and mortgage loans, auto, personal and microfinance loans, overdraft facilities, payment remittances and foreign exchange transactions. It also upsells bank products [unit investment trust funds (UITFs), etc.] and cross-sells bancassurance products. This segment includes portfolios of RSB, Rizal Microbank, and RBSC.
- (b) Corporate* – principally handles loans and other credit facilities and deposit and current accounts for corporate, small and medium enterprises and institutional customers. This segment includes portfolio of RLFC.

- (c) *Treasury* – principally provides money market, trading and treasury services, as well as the management of the Group’s funding operations by use of treasury bills, government securities and placements and acceptances with other banks, through treasury and wholesale banking.
- (d) *Others* – consists of other subsidiaries except for RSB, Rizal Microbank, and RBSC which are presented as part of Retail, and RLFC which is presented under Corporate.

These segments are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information. Other operations of the Group comprise the operations and financial control groups. Transactions between segments are conducted at estimated market rates on an arm’s length basis.

Segment revenues and expenses that are directly attributable to primary business segment and the relevant portions of the Group’s revenues and expenses that can be allocated to that business segment are accordingly reflected as revenues and expenses of that business segment.

For secondary segments, revenues and expenses are attributed to geographic areas based on the location of the resources producing the revenues, and in which location the expenses are incurred.

There were no changes in the Group’s operating segments in 2018 and 2017.

8.2 Analysis of Primary Segment Information

Primary segment information (by business segment) on a consolidated basis as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 follow:

	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Corporate</u>	<u>Treasury</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018:					
Revenues					
From external customers					
Interest income	P 24,744	P 22,873	P 4,711	P 126	P 52,454
Interest expense	(7,788)	(13,802)	(3,178)	(12)	(24,780)
Net interest income	16,956	9,071	1,533	114	27,674
Non-interest income	4,249	2,625	1,228	837	8,939
	<u>21,205</u>	<u>11,696</u>	<u>2,761</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>36,613</u>
Intersegment revenues					
Interest income	-	3,165	-	6	3,171
Non-interest income	531	-	-	-	531
	<u>531</u>	<u>3,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3,702</u>
Total net revenues	<u>21,736</u>	<u>14,861</u>	<u>2,761</u>	<u>957</u>	<u>40,315</u>
Expenses					
Operating expenses excluding depreciation and amortization	13,467	2,793	625	279	17,164
Depreciation and amortization	762	416	14	4	1,196
	<u>14,229</u>	<u>3,209</u>	<u>639</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>18,360</u>
Segment operating income	<u>P 7,507</u>	<u>P 11,652</u>	<u>P 2,122</u>	<u>P 674</u>	<u>P 21,955</u>

	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Corporate</u>	<u>Treasury</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total resources and liabilities					
Total resources	<u>P 149,800</u>	<u>P 272,160</u>	<u>P 109,199</u>	<u>P 5,957</u>	<u>P 537,116</u>
Total liabilities	<u>P 418,787</u>	<u>P 147,709</u>	<u>P 14,703</u>	<u>P 1,685</u>	<u>P 582,884</u>
2017:					
Revenues					
From external customers					
Interest income	P 19,692	P 15,162	P 3,398	P 44	P 38,296
Interest expense	(4,262)	(9,464)	(2,161)	(3)	(15,890)
Net interest income	15,430	5,698	1,237	41	22,406
Non-interest income	<u>3,962</u>	<u>2,660</u>	<u>1,738</u>	<u>1,388</u>	<u>9,748</u>
	<u>19,392</u>	<u>8,358</u>	<u>2,975</u>	<u>1,429</u>	<u>32,154</u>
Intersegment revenues					
Interest income	-	2,892	-	7	2,899
Non-interest income	<u>499</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>499</u>
	<u>499</u>	<u>2,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3,398</u>
Total net revenues	<u>19,891</u>	<u>11,250</u>	<u>2,975</u>	<u>1,436</u>	<u>35,552</u>
Expenses					
Operating expenses excluding depreciation and amortization	12,233	2,302	551	284	15,370
Depreciation and amortization	<u>828</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1,271</u>
	<u>13,061</u>	<u>2,727</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>16,641</u>
Segment operating income	<u>P 6,830</u>	<u>P 8,523</u>	<u>P 2,411</u>	<u>P 1,147</u>	<u>P 18,911</u>
Total resources and liabilities					
Total resources	<u>P 136,979</u>	<u>P 266,519</u>	<u>P 83,728</u>	<u>P 5,355</u>	<u>P 492,581</u>
Total liabilities	<u>P 402,961</u>	<u>P 190,891</u>	<u>P 20,692</u>	<u>P 713</u>	<u>P 615,257</u>
2016:					
Revenues					
From external customers					
Interest income	P 17,075	P 13,416	P 16,537	P 34	P 47,062
Interest expense	(3,199)	(7,799)	(5,976)	(3)	(16,977)
Net interest income	13,876	5,617	10,561	31	30,085
Non-interest income	<u>3,636</u>	<u>1,748</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>8,544</u>
	<u>17,512</u>	<u>7,365</u>	<u>12,521</u>	<u>1,231</u>	<u>38,629</u>
Intersegment revenues					
Interest income	-	2,235	-	4	2,239
Non-interest income	<u>460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>460</u>
	<u>- 460</u>	<u>2,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2,699</u>
Total net revenues	<u>17,972</u>	<u>9,600</u>	<u>12,521</u>	<u>1,235</u>	<u>41,328</u>

	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Corporate</u>	<u>Treasury</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Total</u>
Expenses					
Operating expenses excluding depreciation and amortization	P 11,264	P 1,965	P 546	P 749	P 14,524
Depreciation and amortization	<u>800</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1,175</u>
	<u>12,064</u>	<u>2,324</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>756</u>	<u>15,699</u>
Segment operating income	<u>P 5,908</u>	<u>P 7,276</u>	<u>P 11,966</u>	<u>P 479</u>	<u>P 25,629</u>
Total resources and liabilities					
Total resources	<u>P 122,900</u>	<u>P 235,070</u>	<u>P 98,302</u>	<u>P 5,048</u>	<u>P 461,320</u>
Total liabilities	<u>P 363,581</u>	<u>P 162,314</u>	<u>P 28,297</u>	<u>P 709</u>	<u>P 544,901</u>

8.3 Reconciliation

Presented below is a reconciliation of the Group's segment information to the key financial information presented in its consolidated financial statements.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenue			
Total segment revenues	P 40,315	P 35,552	P 41,328
Unallocated income	(9,928)	(6,844)	(15,620)
Elimination of intersegment revenues	(<u>3,893</u>)	(<u>3,587</u>)	(<u>2,886</u>)
Net revenues as reported in profit or loss	<u>P 26,494</u>	<u>P 25,121</u>	<u>P 22,822</u>
Profit or loss			
Total segment operating income	P 21,955	P 18,911	P 25,629
Unallocated profit	(13,932)	(11,203)	(19,186)
Elimination of intersegment profit	(<u>3,702</u>)	(<u>3,398</u>)	(<u>2,700</u>)
Group net profit as reported in profit or loss	<u>P 4,321</u>	<u>P 4,310</u>	<u>P 3,743</u>
Resources			
Total segment resources	P 537,116	P 492,581	P 461,320
Unallocated assets	110,252	63,355	62,310
Elimination of intersegment assets	(<u>2,773</u>)	(<u>2,061</u>)	(<u>2,417</u>)
Total resources	<u>P 644,595</u>	<u>P 553,875</u>	<u>P 521,213</u>
Liabilities			
Total segment liabilities	P 582,884	P 615,257	P 554,901
Unallocated liabilities	(16,686)	(126,235)	(93,423)
Elimination of intersegment liabilities	(<u>2,773</u>)	(<u>2,061</u>)	(<u>2,418</u>)
Total liabilities	<u>P 563,425</u>	<u>P 486,961</u>	<u>P 459,060</u>

8.4 Analysis of Secondary Segment Information

Secondary information (by geographical locations) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 follow:

	<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Asia and Europe</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018:			
Statement of profit or loss			
Total income	P 36,930	P 9	P 36,939
Total expenses	<u>32,580</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>32,618</u>
Net profit (loss)	<u>P 4,350</u>	<u>(P 29)</u>	<u>P 4,321</u>
Statement of financial position			
Total resources	<u>P 644,451</u>	<u>P 144</u>	<u>P 644,595</u>
Total liabilities	<u>P 563,355</u>	<u>P 70</u>	<u>P 563,425</u>
Other segment information			
Depreciation and amortization	<u>P 1,821</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 1,821</u>
2017:			
Statement of profit or loss			
Total income	P 32,212	P -	P 6
Total expenses	<u>27,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31</u>
Net profit (loss)	<u>P 4,335</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>(P 25)</u>
Statement of financial position			
Total resources	<u>P 553,731</u>	<u>P 1</u>	<u>P 143</u>
Total liabilities	<u>P 486,889</u>	<u>P 1</u>	<u>P 71</u>
Other segment information – Depreciation and amortization			
	<u>P 1,930</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P -</u>
2016:			
Statement of profit or loss			
Total income	P 30,225	P -	P 28
Total expenses	<u>26,306</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>75</u>
Net profit (loss)	<u>P 3,919</u>	<u>(P 2)</u>	<u>(P 47)</u>
Statement of financial position			
Total resources	<u>P 521,018</u>	<u>P 1</u>	<u>P 174</u>
Total liabilities	<u>P 458,967</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 93</u>
Other segment information – Depreciation and amortization			
	<u>P 1,766</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P -</u>

9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The components of Cash and Cash Equivalents follow:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Cash and other cash items	P 17,392	P 14,693	P 12,225	P 10,415
Due from BSP	56,495	58,801	39,847	47,186
Due from other banks	20,342	19,818	19,420	18,368
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreement	10,032	9,831	4,000	7,435
Interbank loans receivables (see Note 11)	9,522	38	9,522	38
	<u>P 113,783</u>	<u>P 103,181</u>	<u>P 85,014</u>	<u>P 83,442</u>

Cash consists primarily of funds in the form of Philippine currency notes and coins, and includes foreign currencies acceptable to form part of the international reserves in the Group's vault and those in the possession of tellers, including ATMs. Other cash items include cash items other than currency and coins on hand, such as checks drawn on other banks or other branches after the clearing cut-off time until the close of the regular banking hours.

Due from BSP represents the aggregate balance of deposit accounts maintained with the BSP primarily to meet reserve requirements (see Note 17), to serve as clearing account for interbank claims and to comply with existing trust regulations. Due from BSP also includes Overnight Deposit and Term Deposit Accounts. The balance of Overnight Deposit amounted to P8 and P2,017 for the Group as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, while the Parent Company has no such deposits at the end of both years. In addition, Term Deposit Accounts amounted to P5,000 and P200 for the Group, and nil and P200 for the Parent Company as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Overnight deposit bears interest of 3.0% in 2018, and 2.5% in 2017 and 2016, while term deposit account earns interest of 4.2%, 3.4%, and 3.3% in 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The balance of Due from Other Banks account represents regular deposits with the following:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Foreign banks	P 18,843	P 17,724	P 18,708	P 17,284
Local banks	1,499	2,094	712	1,084
	<u>P 20,342</u>	<u>P 19,818</u>	<u>P 19,420</u>	<u>P 18,368</u>

The breakdown of Due from Other Banks account by currency is shown below.

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Foreign currencies	P 19,470	P 17,922	P 19,009	P 17,839
Philippine peso	872	1,896	411	529
	<u>P 20,342</u>	<u>P 19,818</u>	<u>P 19,420</u>	<u>P 18,368</u>

Interest rates per annum on these deposits in other banks range from 0.00% to 2.50% in 2018, from 0.00% to 1.20% in 2017, and from 0.35% to 1.00% in 2016.

The Group has loans from BSP as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 arising from overnight lending from excess liquidity which earn effective interest of 3.00% to 4.50% in 2018 and 3.50% in 2017. These loans normally mature within 30 days. Interest income earned from these financial assets is presented under Interest Income account in the statements of profit or loss.

10. TRADING AND INVESTMENT SECURITIES

This account is comprised of:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Financial assets at FVPL	P 7,570	P 7,591	P 6,690	P 6,553
Financial assets at FVOCI	21,987	5,363	15,697	3,439
Investment securities at amortized cost	88,892	59,978	78,595	48,141
	<u>P 118,449</u>	<u>P 72,932</u>	<u>P 100,982</u>	<u>P 58,133</u>

10.1 Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

Financial assets at FVPL is composed of the following:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Government securities	P 3,511	P 4,386	P 3,419	P 4,289
Corporate debt securities	1,660	462	1,547	455
Equity securities	675	1,624	-	690
Derivative financial assets	1,724	1,119	1,724	1,119
	<u>P 7,570</u>	<u>P 7,591</u>	<u>P 6,690</u>	<u>P 6,553</u>

The carrying amounts of financial assets at FVPL are classified as follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Held-for-trading	P 5,171	P 4,848	P 4,966	P 4,744
Designated as at FVPL	675	1,624	-	690
Derivative financial assets	1,724	1,119	1,724	1,119
	<u>P 7,570</u>	<u>P 7,591</u>	<u>P 6,690</u>	<u>P 6,553</u>

Equity securities are composed of listed shares of stock traded at the PSE and shares of stock designated as at FVPL. There were no dividend income earned on these equity securities in 2018, 2017 and 2016.

Upon adoption of PFRS 9 at January 1, 2018, certain equity securities with carrying amount of P845 and debt securities with carrying amount of P105 were reclassified by the Group from financial assets at FVPL to FVOCI category. These include equity securities amounting to P543 reclassified by the Parent Company [(see Note 2.2(a)] and Note 10.2. Also, certain debt securities of the Parent Company with carrying amount of P51 were reclassified from FVPL to amortized cost [(see Note 2.2(a)] and Note 10.3.

Treasury bills and other debt securities issued by the government and other private corporations earn annual interest as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Peso denominated	3.25% - 8.13%	2.13% - 8.75%	1.63% - 12.13%
Foreign currency denominated	2.05% - 11.63%	2.95% - 10.63%	1.30% - 11.63%

Derivative instruments used by the Group include foreign currency short-term forwards, cross-currency swaps, debt warrants and options. Foreign currency forwards represent commitments to purchase/sell on a future date at a specific exchange rate. Foreign currency short-term swaps are simultaneous foreign currency spot and forward deals with tenor of one year.

Debt warrants attached to the bonds and other debt securities allows the Group to purchase additional debt securities from the same contracting issuer at the same price and yield as the initial purchased security. Option is a derivative financial instrument that specifies a contract between two parties for a future transaction on an asset at a reference price.

The aggregate contractual or notional amount of derivative financial instruments and the aggregate fair values of derivative financial assets and financial liabilities as of December 31 both in the Group's and Parent Company's financial statements are shown below.

	<u>Notional Amount</u>	<u>Fair Values</u>	
		<u>Assets</u>	<u>Liabilities</u>
2018:			
Currency swaps and forwards	P 67,420	P 1,376	P 567
Interest rate swaps and futures	35,378	309	305
Debt warrants	5,531	17	-
Options	1,240	3	22
Credit default swap	946	19	-
	<u>P 110,515</u>	<u>P 1,724</u>	<u>P 894</u>
2017:			
Currency swaps and forwards	P 51,060	P 911	P 402
Interest rate swaps and futures	26,999	174	80
Debt warrants	6,250	29	-
Options	3,718	5	1
Credit default swap	25	-	-
	<u>P 88,052</u>	<u>P 1,119</u>	<u>P 483</u>

Derivative liabilities amounting to P894 and P483 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, are shown as Derivative financial liabilities as part of Other Liabilities account in the statements of financial position (see Note 22). The significant portion of such derivative liabilities have maturity periods of less than a year.

Other information about the fair value measurement of the Group's and Parent Company's financial assets at FVPL are presented in Note 7.2.

10.2 Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income

Financial assets at FVOCI as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 consist of:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Quoted equity securities	P 2,472	P 3,653	P 1,730	P 1,958
Unquoted equity securities	3,989	1,710	1,946	1,481
Government debt securities	15,138	-	12,021	-
Corporate debt securities	388	-	-	-
	<u>P 21,987</u>	<u>P 5,363</u>	<u>P 15,697</u>	<u>P 3,439</u>

The Group has designated the above local equity securities as at FVOCI because they are held for long-term investments and are neither held-for-trading nor designated as at FVPL. Unquoted equity securities include golf club shares and investments in non-marketable equity securities of private companies.

The Group and the Parent Company made reclassifications of certain equity and debt securities from financial assets at FVPL to FVOCI category at January 1, 2018 [(see Note 2.2(a)] and Note 10.1. In addition, debt securities with fair value of P310 were reclassified from investment securities at amortized cost to FVOCI [(see Note 2.2(a)] and Note 10.3.

Included in the carrying amount of the Group's financial assets at FVOCI as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are unquoted equity securities with fair value of P3,989 and P1,710, respectively, determined using the net asset value, dividend discounted model, discounted cash flow method, or a market-based approach (price-to-book value method), hence, categorized under Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy (see Note 7.2). These unquoted equity securities include investments of the Parent Company with fair value of P1,946 and P1,481 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The fair value changes of equity securities classified as at FVOCI and held by the Group as of December 31, 2017 are recognized as an adjustment in other comprehensive income and presented in the statements of comprehensive income under items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss (see Note 10.5). Effective January 1, 2018, the Group acquires and holds corporate debt securities under its financial assets at FVOCI category. Similar with equity securities, fair value gains or losses arising from these securities are recognized in other comprehensive income. However, gains or losses are reclassified to profit or loss upon disposal.

As a result of the Group's disposal of certain equity securities classified as at FVOCI, the related fair value gain of P4 in 2017 and P3 in 2016 recognized in other comprehensive income prior to the year of disposal was transferred from Revaluation Reserves to Surplus account during those years. There were no disposal of equity securities classified as at FVOCI in 2018.

In 2018, 2017 and 2016, dividends on these equity securities were recognized amounting to P189, P234 and P449 by the Group and, P187, P196 and P307 by the Parent Company, respectively, which are included as part of Miscellaneous income under the Other Operating Income account in the statements of profit or loss (see Note 25.1).

10.3 Investment Securities at Amortized Cost

Investment securities at amortized cost as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 consist of:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Government securities	P 66,084	P 39,044	P 57,384	P 29,379
Corporate debt securities	<u>22,943</u>	<u>21,024</u>	<u>21,237</u>	<u>18,762</u>
	89,027	60,068	78,621	48,141
Allowance for impairment	(<u>135</u>)	(<u>90</u>)	(<u>26</u>)	-
	<u>88,892</u>	<u>59,978</u>	<u>78,595</u>	<u>48,141</u>

The breakdown of these investment securities at amortized cost by currency is shown below.

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Philippine peso	P 15,668	P 9,934	P 9,634	P 2,634
Foreign currencies	<u>73,224</u>	<u>50,044</u>	<u>68,961</u>	<u>45,507</u>
	<u>88,892</u>	<u>59,978</u>	<u>78,595</u>	<u>48,141</u>

Interest rates per annum on government securities and corporate debt securities range from 3.63% to 8.00% in 2018, 2.13% to 8.60% in 2017 and 2.13% to 8.44% in 2016 for peso denominated securities, and 1.63% to 10.63% in 2018, 1.63% to 10.63% in 2017 and 1.40% to 10.63% in 2016 for foreign currency-denominated securities.

Upon adoption of PFRS 9 at January 1, 2018, certain debt securities of the Parent Company with carrying amount of P51 were reclassified from financial assets at FVPL to amortized cost [(see Note 2.2(a)] and Note 10.1. In addition, debt securities with fair value of P310 were reclassified from investment securities at amortized cost to FVOCI [(see Note 2.2(a)] and Note 10.2.

In December 2018, the Parent Company disposed of certain US dollar-denominated bonds under its HTC portfolio with aggregate carrying amount of P3,113, resulting in net gains amounting to P69. The disposal was made in order to maintain adequate liquidity buffer for the expected cash outflows for loan drawdowns. In 2017, the Parent Company also disposed from its HTC portfolio certain peso and US dollar-denominated bonds with aggregate carrying amount of P22,279 which resulted in net gains of P684. The disposal was made to ensure the Parent Company's continuing regulatory compliance with the required minimum CET 1 ratio.

Management had assessed that the disposals of the investment securities under the HTC portfolio during those periods are consistent with the Group's HTC business model with the objective of collecting contractual cash flows and have qualified under the permitted sale events set forth in the Group's business model in managing financial assets manual and the requirements of PFRS 9 and BSP Circular 708.

The above disposals of investment securities were approved by the Executive Committee of the Parent Company in compliance with the documentation requirements of the BSP.

The Group and the Parent Company recognized ECL on investment securities at amortized cost amounting to P24 and P15, respectively, in 2018 (see Note 16).

Certain government securities are deposited with the BSP as security for the Group's faithful compliance with its fiduciary obligations in connection with its trust operations (see Note 27).

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, investment securities of both the Group and the Parent Company with an aggregate amortized cost of P25,438 and P7,437, respectively, were pledged as collaterals for bills payable under repurchase agreements (see Note 18).

10.4 Interest Income from Trading and Investment Securities

Interest income from trading and investment securities recognized by the Group and Parent Company in 2018, 2017 and 2016 are shown below.

	Group		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Debt securities at FVPL	P 441	P 293	P 938
Debt securities at FVOCI	136	-	-
Debt securities at amortized cost	<u>2,826</u>	<u>2,137</u>	<u>2,331</u>
	<u>P 3,403</u>	<u>P 2,430</u>	<u>P 3,269</u>
	Parent Company		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Debt securities at FVPL	P 338	P 203	P 931
Debt securities at FVOCI	113	-	-
Debt securities at amortized cost	<u>2,359</u>	<u>1,752</u>	<u>1,996</u>
	<u>P 2,810</u>	<u>P 1,955</u>	<u>P 2,927</u>

10.5 Trading and Securities Gains (Losses)

The Group and the Parent Company recognized trading and securities gains (losses) in its trading or disposals of investment securities, including their fair value changes, in 2018, 2017, and 2016 as follows:

	Group		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Profit or loss:			
Financial assets at FVPL	(P 117)	P 195	P 267
Debt securities at FVOCI	48	-	-
Investment securities at amortized cost	<u>69</u>	<u>705</u>	<u>1,352</u>
	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 900</u>	<u>P 1,619</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Equity securities at FVOCI	(P 1,018)	(P 156)	P 1,442
Debt securities at FVOCI	<u>149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(P 869)</u>	<u>(P 156)</u>	<u>P 1,442</u>

	<u>Parent Company</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Profit or loss:			
Financial assets at FVPL	(P 134)	(P 20)	P 136
Debt securities at FVOCI	48		
Investment securities at amortized cost	<u>69</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>1,527</u>
	<u>(P 17)</u>	<u>P 664</u>	<u>P 1,663</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Equity securities at FVOCI	(P 478)	(P 269)	P 1,395
Debt securities at FVOCI	<u>149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(P 329)</u>	<u>(P 269)</u>	<u>P 1,395</u>

11. LOANS AND RECEIVABLES

This account consists of the following (see also Note 28.1):

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Receivables from customers:				
Loans and discounts	P 340,011	P 319,099	P 244,420	P 233,549
Credit card receivables	21,550	16,405	21,550	16,405
Customers' liabilities on acceptances, import bills and trust receipts	21,075	12,404	21,075	12,404
Bills purchased	3,112	2,612	3,055	2,605
Lease contract receivables	3,403	2,893	-	-
Receivables financed	<u>587</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	389,738	353,662	290,100	264,963
Unearned discount	(665)	(817)	(160)	(332)
	<u>389,073</u>	<u>352,845</u>	<u>289,940</u>	<u>264,631</u>
Other receivables:				
Interbank loans receivables (see Note 9)	9,522	38	9,522	38
Accrued interest receivables	4,498	3,094	3,537	2,232
Accounts receivables [see Notes 15.3 and 28.5 (a) and (b)]	2,452	2,641	1,565	2,206
UDSCL	1,963	1,939	1,162	1,177
Sales contract receivables	<u>1,083</u>	<u>1,679</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>449</u>
	<u>19,518</u>	<u>9,391</u>	<u>15,845</u>	<u>6,102</u>
	408,591	362,236	305,785	270,733
Allowance for impairment (see Note 16)	(10,291)	(7,993)	(7,041)	(4,942)
	<u>P 398,300</u>	<u>P 354,243</u>	<u>P 298,744</u>	<u>P 265,791</u>

Receivables from customers' portfolio earn average annual interest or range of interest as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Loans and discounts:			
Philippine peso	5.79%	5.00%	5.08%
Foreign currencies	4.53%	3.63%	3.50%
Credit card receivables	16.00% - 24.00%	17.00% - 27.00%	19.00% - 29.00%
Lease contract receivables	8.00% - 19.00%	8.00% - 20.00%	8.00% - 20.00%
Receivables financed	8.00% - 14.00%	11.00% - 12.50%	10.00% - 12.00%

Included in UDSCL as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 is a 10-year note from Philippine Asset Growth One, Inc. (PAGO) with a face amount of P731, which is part of the consideration received in relation to the Parent Company's disposal in February 2013 of its non-performing assets (NPAs), consisting of non-performing loans (NPLs) with a carrying amount of P507 and non-performing investment properties with a carrying amount of P1,236. This note receivable carries a variable interest rate of 1.0% per annum during the first five years, 7.0% per annum in the sixth to seventh year, and 7.5% per annum in the last three years. This note receivable was initially recognized in 2013 at fair value resulting in the recognition of day-one loss of P181 which is included as part of allowance for ECL. This note receivable with carrying amount of P342 as of December 31, 2017 has been provided with full allowance for ECL as part of the Parent Company's transition adjustment to increase its allowance for ECL on specific loans upon adoption of the ECL model at January 1, 2018.

Also included in UDSCL is RSB's 10-year note with carrying amount of P801 and P761 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and bears 6.44% interest per annum. This pertains to the agreement entered into in June 2017 with a third party for the sale of various foreclosed real properties with book value of P1,127, for a total consideration of P1,385; of which P396 and P989 (with present value of P742 on date of sale) were in the form of cash and note receivable, respectively. Accordingly, the Group recognized a gain on sale amounting to P11 and is presented as part of Gains on assets sold under Miscellaneous income in the 2017 statement of profit or loss (see Notes 15.3 and 25.1).

Also included in Parent Company's accounts receivables is the amount due from RCBC JPL which was acquired from Rizal Microbank in 2015 amounting to P222. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the outstanding balance amounted to P182 and P192, respectively. The receivable amount is unsecured, noninterest-bearing and payable in cash on demand (see Note 28). Management has assessed that this receivable is fully recoverable.

11.1 Credit Concentration, Security and Maturity Profile of Receivables from Customers

The concentration of credit of receivables from customers as to industry follows:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Real estate, renting and other related activities	P 85,759	P 81,927	P 53,100	P 52,669
Electricity, gas and water	74,686	64,794	74,379	64,453
Consumer	64,085	54,196	23,282	18,055
Wholesale and retail trade	45,153	40,500	39,669	35,692
Manufacturing (various industries)	44,600	35,034	43,355	33,504
Financial intermediaries	24,262	21,521	22,207	19,534
Transportation and communication	22,869	22,918	16,077	17,162
Other community, social and personal activities	10,545	14,799	5,956	10,755
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	4,559	4,928	4,003	4,479
Hotels and restaurants	3,981	4,133	3,937	4,133
Mining and quarrying	1,456	1,922	1,285	1,779
Others	7,118	6,173	2,690	2,416
	<u>P 389,073</u>	<u>P 352,845</u>	<u>P 289,940</u>	<u>P 264,631</u>

The BSP considers that loan concentration exists when the total loan exposure to a particular industry exceeds 30% of the total loan portfolio plus the outstanding interbank loans receivable. The Group and the Parent Company are in compliance with this loan concentration limit of the BSP as of the end of each reporting period.

The breakdown of the receivables from customers' portfolio as to secured and unsecured follows:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Secured:				
Real estate mortgage	P 113,299	P 86,193	P 63,582	P 42,326
Chattel mortgage	44,271	37,975	1,699	623
Hold-out deposits	9,814	15,799	9,470	14,380
Other securities	18,733	26,718	15,149	25,375
	186,117	166,685	89,900	82,704
Unsecured	202,956	186,160	200,040	181,927
	<u>P 389,073</u>	<u>P 352,845</u>	<u>P 289,940</u>	<u>P 264,631</u>

The maturity profile of the receivables from customers' portfolio follows:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Due within one year	P 79,185	P 92,550	P 75,279	P 71,992
Due beyond one year	309,888	260,295	214,661	192,639
	<u>P 389,073</u>	<u>P 352,845</u>	<u>P 289,940</u>	<u>P 264,631</u>

11.2 Non-performing Loans and Allowance for Credit Loss

NPLs included in the total loan portfolio of the Group and the Parent Company as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are presented below, net of allowance for impairment in compliance with the BSP Circular No. 772, *Amendments to Regulations on Non-performing Loans*.

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Gross NPLs	P 9,173	P 7,907	P 3,779	P 2,851
Allowance for impairment	(4,857)	(3,416)	(2,274)	(1,394)
	<u>P 4,316</u>	<u>P 4,491</u>	<u>P 1,505</u>	<u>P 1,457</u>

Based on BSP regulations, NPLs shall, as a general rule, refer to loan accounts whose principal and/or interest is unpaid for 30 days or more after due date or after they have become past due in accordance with existing rules and regulations. This shall apply to loans payable in lump sum and loans payable in quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments, in which case, the total outstanding balance thereof shall be considered non-performing. In the case of loans payable in monthly installments, the total outstanding balance thereof shall be considered non-performing when three or more installments are in arrears. In the case of loans payable in daily, weekly or semi-monthly installments, the entire outstanding balance of the loan receivable shall be considered as non-performing when the total amount of arrearages reaches 10% of the total loan receivable balance.

Restructured loans shall be considered non-performing except when as of restructuring date, it has an updated principal and interest payments and it is fully secured by real estate with loan value of up to 60% of the appraised value of real estate security and the insured improvements and such other first class collaterals.

A reconciliation of the allowance for impairment on loans and receivables at the beginning and end of 2018 and 2017 is shown below (see Note 16).

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Balance at beginning of year	P 7,993	P 7,411	P 4,942	P 4,792
Effect of adoption of ECL model [see Note 2.2(a)]	1,680	-	1,959	-
Impairment losses during the year	1,879	2,076	1,294	1,086
Accounts written off and others	(1,261)	(1,494)	(1,154)	(936)
Balance at end of year	<u>P 10,291</u>	<u>P 7,993</u>	<u>P 7,041</u>	<u>P 4,942</u>

12. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATES

The components of the carrying values of investments in and advances to subsidiaries and associates are as follows (refer to Note 1.2 for the effective percentage of ownership, line of business, and country of incorporation of subsidiaries and associates):

	Notes	Group	
		2018	2017
Acquisition costs of associates:			
HCPI		P 91	P 91
LIPC		57	57
YCS		4	4
		<u>152</u>	<u>152</u>
Accumulated equity in net earnings:			
Balance at beginning of year		265	231
Share in net earnings for the year		14	92
Share in actuarial gains on defined benefit plan	23.4	6	4
Cash dividends	28	(2)	(62)
Others		(12)	-
Balance at end of year		<u>271</u>	<u>265</u>
Carrying amount		<u>P 423</u>	<u>P 417</u>
		Parent Company	
		2018	2017
Acquisition costs of subsidiaries:			
RSB		P 3,190	P 3,190
RCBC Capital		2,231	2,231
Rizal Microbank		1,242	1,242
RCBC LFC		1,187	1,187
RCBC JPL		375	375
RCBC Forex		150	150
RCBC Telemoney		72	72
RCBC IFL		58	58
RCBC North America		-	134
Total acquisition costs (<i>carried forward</i>)		<u>P 8,505</u>	<u>P 8,639</u>

	Notes	Parent Company	
		2018	2017
Total acquisition costs (<i>carried forward</i>)		P 8,505	P 8,639
Accumulated equity in net earnings:			
Balance at beginning of year		9,562	7,817
Share in the effect of adoption of PFRS 9	2.2	143	-
Share in net earnings for the year		1,290	1,960
Share in actuarial gains on defined benefit plan	23.4	115	19
Share in fair value gains (losses) on financial assets at FVOCI	23.4	(540)	113
Translation adjustment on foreign operations	23.4	-	(1)
Cash dividends	28	-	(315)
Others		123	(31)
Balance at end of year		10,693	9,562
		19,198	18,201
Acquisition costs of associates:			
NPHI		388	388
HCPI		91	91
LIPC		57	57
YCS		4	4
		540	540
Accumulated equity in net earnings:			
Balance at beginning of year		277	182
Share in net earnings for the year		9	150
Share in actuarial gains on defined benefit plan	23.4	6	4
Cash dividends	28	(102)	(59)
Balance at end of year		190	277
		730	817
Carrying amount		P 19,928	P 19,018

At the end of each reporting period, the Group has no material interest in unconsolidated structured entities.

Also, the Parent Company and its subsidiaries did not enter in any contractual arrangements to provide financial support to any entities under the Group.

The Parent Company received dividends from its subsidiaries and associates amounting to nil and P102, respectively, in 2018, P315 and P59, respectively, in 2017, and P232 and P110, respectively, in 2016.

12.1 Information About Investments in Subsidiaries

In February 2018, RCBC North America was dissolved which resulted in the reclassification of the cumulative translation adjustment to profit or loss amounting to P32 (see Note 1.2).

In August 2018, the BOD of the Parent Company approved the additional capital infusion to RCBC LFC amounting to P800, which was paid to the latter in November 2018 after RCBC LFC's BOD approved the increase in its authorized capital stock in its meeting held in October 2018. As the application for the increase in authorized capital stock is not yet filed by RCBC LFC to the SEC as of December 31, 2018, the P800 deposit for future stock subscription is recognized and presented as part of Other Resources account in the 2018 statement of financial position of the Parent Company (see Note 15).

On February 23, 2015, the Parent Company's BOD approved the subscription to P500 worth of shares of stock of RCBC LFC. In 2016, RCBC LFC filed its application with the SEC for increase in authorized capital stock after it has secured the certificate of authority to amend the articles of incorporation from the BSP. This application was approved by the SEC on April 24, 2018 which resulted in the issuance of shares to the Parent Company, hence, increase in the latter's ownership interest (see Note 1.2).

12.2 Information About Investments in Associates

The Parent Company, under a shareholder's agreement, agreed with another stockholder of HCPI to commit and undertake to vote, as a unit, the shares of stock thereof, which they proportionately own and hold, and to regulate the conduct of the voting and the relationship between them with respect to their exercise of their voting rights. As a result of this agreement, the Parent Company is able to exercise significant influence over the operating and financial policies of HCPI. Thus, HCPI has been considered by the Parent Company as an associate despite holding only 12.88% ownership interest.

The table below presents the summary of the financial information of the Group's significant associates as of and for the years ended December 31:

		<u>Resources</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Net Profit</u> <u>(Loss)</u>
2018:								
HCPI	P	6,910	P	3,717	P	27,664	P	35
LIPCO		993		5,236		23	(	482)
2017:								
HCPI	P	6,110	P	2,965	P	25,215	P	589
LIPCO		982		4,743		27	(	341)

13. BANK PREMISES, FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT

The gross carrying amounts and accumulated depreciation and amortization of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment at the beginning and end of 2018 and 2017 are shown below.

	Group				
	Land	Buildings	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Leasehold Rights and Improvements	Total
December 31, 2018					
Cost	P 1,270	P 3,400	P 11,032	P 1,102	P 16,804
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	(1,400)	(6,989)	-	(8,389)
Net carrying amount	<u>P 1,270</u>	<u>P 2,000</u>	<u>P 4,043</u>	<u>P 1,102</u>	<u>P 8,415</u>
December 31, 2017					
Cost	P 1,283	P 3,368	P 9,684	P 1,167	P 15,502
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	(1,318)	(5,238)	-	(6,556)
Net carrying amount	<u>P 1,283</u>	<u>P 2,050</u>	<u>P 4,446</u>	<u>P 1,167</u>	<u>P 8,946</u>
January 1, 2017					
Cost	P 1,289	P 3,315	P 9,858	P 1,100	P 15,562
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	(1,226)	(5,460)	-	(6,686)
Net carrying amount	<u>P 1,289</u>	<u>P 2,089</u>	<u>P 4,398</u>	<u>P 1,100</u>	<u>P 8,876</u>
Parent Company					
	Land	Buildings	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Leasehold Rights and Improvements	Total
December 31, 2018					
Cost	P 771	P 2,421	P 6,447	P 867	P 10,506
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	(1,078)	(4,436)	-	(5,514)
Net carrying amount	<u>P 771</u>	<u>P 1,343</u>	<u>P 2,011</u>	<u>P 867</u>	<u>P 4,992</u>
December 31, 2017					
Cost	P 771	P 2,419	P 6,196	P 890	P 10,276
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	(1,000)	(4,079)	-	(5,079)
Net carrying amount	<u>P 771</u>	<u>P 1,419</u>	<u>P 2,117</u>	<u>P 890</u>	<u>P 5,197</u>
January 1, 2017					
Cost	P 777	P 2,381	P 5,882	P 815	P 9,855
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	(932)	(3,731)	-	(4,663)
Net carrying amount	<u>P 777</u>	<u>P 1,449</u>	<u>P 2,151</u>	<u>P 815</u>	<u>P 5,192</u>

A reconciliation of the carrying amounts of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment at the beginning and end of 2018 and 2017 is shown below.

	<u>Group</u>				
	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment</u>	<u>Leasehold Rights and Improvements</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at January 1, 2018, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	P 1,283	P 2,050	P 4,446	P 1,167	P 8,946
Additions	-	47	877	290	1,214
Disposals	(13)	(12)	(275)	(31)	(331)
Reclassifications	-	2	(131)	129	-
Depreciation and amortization charges for the year	-	(87)	(874)	(453)	(1,414)
Balance at December 31, 2018, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>P 1,270</u>	<u>P 2,000</u>	<u>P 4,043</u>	<u>P 1,102</u>	<u>P 8,415</u>
Balance at January 1, 2017, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	P 1,289	P 2,089	P 4,398	P 1,100	P 8,876
Additions	-	47	779	695	1,521
Disposals	(6)	(8)	(81)	(24)	(119)
Depreciation and amortization charges for the year	-	(78)	(650)	(604)	(1,332)
Balance at December 31, 2017, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>P 1,283</u>	<u>P 2,050</u>	<u>P 4,446</u>	<u>P 1,167</u>	<u>P 8,946</u>
	<u>Parent Company</u>				
	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment</u>	<u>Leasehold Rights and Improvements</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at January 1, 2018, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	P 771	P 1,419	P 2,117	P 890	P 5,197
Additions	-	34	606	196	836
Disposals	-	(4)	(191)	(29)	(224)
Depreciation and amortization charges for the year	-	(106)	(521)	(190)	(817)
Balance at December 31, 2018, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>P 771</u>	<u>P 1,343</u>	<u>P 2,011</u>	<u>P 867</u>	<u>P 4,992</u>

	Parent Company				
	Land	Buildings	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Leasehold Rights and Improvements	Total
Balance at January 1, 2017, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	P 777	P 1,449	P 2,151	P 815	P 5,192
Additions	-	40	576	283	899
Disposals	(6)	(2)	(75)	(18)	(101)
Depreciation and amortization charges for the year	-	(68)	(535)	(190)	(793)
Balance at December 31, 2017, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>P 771</u>	<u>P 1,419</u>	<u>P 2,117</u>	<u>P 890</u>	<u>P 5,197</u>

Under BSP rules, investments in bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment should not exceed 50% of the respective unimpaired capital of the Parent Company and its bank subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Parent Company and its bank subsidiaries have satisfactorily complied with this BSP requirement.

The cost of the Group's and the Parent Company's fully-depreciated bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment that are still in use in operations is P5,136 and P4,357, respectively, as of December 31, 2018 and P3,789 and P3,638, respectively, as of December 31, 2017.

14. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Investment properties pertain to land, buildings or condominium units acquired by the Group, in settlement of loans from defaulting borrowers through foreclosure or dacion in payment and properties which are held for rental.

The gross carrying amounts and accumulated depreciation and impairment losses of investment properties at the beginning and end of 2018 and 2017 are shown below.

	Group			Parent Company		
	Land	Buildings	Total	Land	Buildings	Total
December 31, 2018						
Cost	P 1,566	P 2,659	P 4,225	P 644	P 2,544	P 3,188
Accumulated depreciation	-	(502)	(502)	-	(260)	(260)
Accumulated impairment (see Note 16)	(92)	-	(92)	-	(6)	(6)
Net carrying amount	<u>P 1,474</u>	<u>P 2,157</u>	<u>P 3,631</u>	<u>P 644</u>	<u>P 2,278</u>	<u>P 2,922</u>
December 31, 2017						
Cost	P 2,472	P 1,534	P 4,006	P 995	P 2,005	P 3,000
Accumulated depreciation	-	(549)	(549)	-	(215)	(215)
Accumulated impairment (see Note 16)	(58)	-	(58)	-	-	-
Net carrying amount	<u>P 2,414</u>	<u>P 985</u>	<u>P 3,399</u>	<u>P 995</u>	<u>P 1,790</u>	<u>P 2,785</u>

	<u>Group</u>			<u>Parent Company</u>		
	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Total</u>
January 1, 2017						
Cost	P 1,389	P 2,492	P 3,881	P 1,000	P 2,019	P 3,019
Accumulated depreciation	-	(618)	(618)	-	(203)	(203)
Accumulated impairment (see Note 16)	(34)	-	(34)	-	-	-
Net carrying amount	<u>P 1,355</u>	<u>P 1,874</u>	<u>P 3,229</u>	<u>P 1,000</u>	<u>P 1,816</u>	<u>P 2,816</u>

The reconciliations of the carrying amounts of investment properties at the beginning and end of 2018 and 2017 follow:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Balance at January 1, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	P 3,399	P 3,229	P 2,785	P 2,816
Additions	672	2,360	202	19
Disposals	(382)	(1,822)	(17)	(7)
Reclassification	39	-	-	-
Depreciation charges for the year	(97)	(289)	(48)	(43)
Impairment losses	-	(79)	-	-
Balance at December 31, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	<u>P 3,631</u>	<u>P 3,399</u>	<u>P 2,922</u>	<u>P 2,785</u>

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, there is no restriction on the realizability of investment properties or the remittance of income and proceeds of disposal therefrom.

14.1 Additions and Disposals of Investment Properties

The Group and the Parent Company foreclosed real and other properties totaling P672 and P202, respectively, in 2018, and P2,360 and P19, respectively, in 2017 in settlement of certain loan accounts.

In September 2014, the Parent Company sold to a third party buyer a certain non-performing investment properties consisting of land and building with a total carrying amount of P774 for a total consideration of P740, consisting of P35 cash as down payment, P40 accounts receivable and P665 sales contract receivable with no interest and payable in staggered amount for a period of four years (see Note 11). The sales contract receivable was initially recognized at its fair value resulting in the recognition of a day-one loss amounting to P5 which is included as part of allowance for impairment. These receivables with outstanding balance of P365 as of December 31, 2017 were fully collected in 2018.

The total gain recognized by the Group and the Parent Company from disposals of investment properties both amounted to P26 in 2018, P159 and P33, respectively, in 2017, and loss of P421 and P12, respectively, in 2016, which is presented as part of Gains on assets sold – net under Miscellaneous Income account in the statements of profit or loss (see Note 25.1).

14.2 Income and Expenses from Investment Properties Held for Rental

The Group and Parent Company earned rental income from investment properties amounting to P414 both in 2018, P416 and P400, respectively, in 2017, and P414 and P399, respectively, in 2016 and are presented as part of Rentals under Miscellaneous Income account in the statement of profit or loss [see Notes 25.1 and 28.5(a)]. Expenses incurred by the Group and Parent Company in relation to the investment properties include taxes and licenses amounting to P54 and P32, respectively, in 2018, P41 and P15, respectively, in 2017, P62 and P54, respectively, in 2016.

14.3 Valuation and Measurement of Investment Properties

The fair value of investment properties as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, based on the available appraisal reports, amounted to P5,298 and P4,940, respectively, for the Group; and, P6,267 and P6,161, respectively, for the Parent Company (see Note 7.4).

15. OTHER RESOURCES

Other resources consist of the following:

	Notes	Group		Parent Company	
		2018	2017	2018	2017
Creditable withholding taxes		P 2,362	P 2,110	P 2,197	P 1,976
Branch licenses	15.1	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Software	15.2	945	977	786	874
Assets held-for-sale and disposal group	15.3	931	1,594	268	862
Refundable and other deposits		736	491	646	392
Prepaid expenses	15.4	717	538	464	274
Goodwill	15.5	426	426	-	-
Unused stationery and supplies		298	288	251	229
Returned checks and other cash items		171	87	158	69
Deferred charges		121	132	118	129
Foreign currency notes		59	98	48	87
Margin deposits	15.6	19	23	19	23
Deposit for future stock subscription	12.1	-	-	800	-
Inter-office float items		-	81	13	107
Miscellaneous	15.7	<u>1,465</u>	<u>1,358</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>286</u>
		9,250	9,203	6,899	6,308
Allowance for impairment	15.5, 16	(<u>228</u>)	(<u>191</u>)	<u>-</u>	(<u>2</u>)
		<u>P 9,022</u>	<u>P 9,012</u>	<u>P 6,899</u>	<u>P 6,306</u>

The expected recovery of the other resources follows:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Within one year	P 6,404	P 6,334	P 4,731	P 4,070
More than one year	<u>2,618</u>	<u>2,678</u>	<u>2,168</u>	<u>2,236</u>
	<u>P 9,022</u>	<u>P 9,012</u>	<u>P 6,899</u>	<u>P 6,306</u>

15.1 Branch Licenses

Branch licenses represent the rights granted by the BSP to the Parent Company in 2015 to establish a certain number of branches in the restricted areas in the country.

15.2 Software

A reconciliation of the carrying amounts of software at the beginning and end of 2018 and 2017 is shown below.

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Balance at beginning of year	P 1,035	P 960	P 874	P 850
Additions	179	304	163	267
Amortization	(269)	(287)	(251)	(243)
Balance at end of year	<u>P 945</u>	<u>P 977</u>	<u>P 786</u>	<u>P 874</u>

Amortization charges for software are included as part of Depreciation and Amortization account in the statements of profit or loss.

15.3 Assets Held-for-Sale and Disposal Group

Assets held-for-sale represents real and other properties that are approved by management to be immediately sold. These mainly include real properties, automobiles and equipment foreclosed by the Parent Company, RSB and RCBC LFC in settlement of loans.

In 2015, RSB classified a portion of investment properties amounting to P1,351 as assets held-for-sale since the carrying amount of those properties will be recovered principally through a sale transaction. The properties were readily available for immediate sale in its present condition and that management believes that the sale was highly probable at the time of reclassification. In June 2017, the properties were sold to a third party with total consideration of P1,385; of which P396 and P989 (present value is P742) were in the form of cash and note receivable, respectively (see Note 11).

In 2013, the Parent Company entered into a joint venture agreement with a third party developer to develop certain investment properties for the purpose of recovering the cost through eventual sale which led to the reclassification of the properties amounting to P337 as assets held-for-sale. This joint arrangement is accounted for as a jointly controlled operation as there was no separate entity created under this joint venture agreement. The joint venture agreement stipulates that the Parent Company shall contribute parcels of land and the co-venturer shall be responsible for the planning, conceptualization, design, construction, financing and marketing of units to be constructed on the properties.

In 2017, the joint venture agreement was terminated and both parties entered into a contract of sale, with the joint venturer property developer purchasing the properties contributed by the Parent Company at a consideration of P551 resulting in a gain from sale of P198, which is recognized as part of Gains on assets sold – net under Miscellaneous Income account in the 2017 statement of profit or loss (see Note 25.1). The outstanding receivables related to this transaction as of December 31, 2017 amounted to P463 and is presented as part of Accounts receivables under Loans and Receivables account in the 2017 statement of financial position (see Note 11).

In 2009, in accordance with the letter received by RSB from BSP dated March 26, 2009, RSB reclassified certain investment properties to equity investments as its investment in subsidiaries in its separate financial statements which resulted in the inclusion of the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of the SPCs of RSB in the Group's consolidated financial statements.

The approval of the BSP through the MB is subject to the following conditions: (i) RSB should immediately dissolve the SPCs once the underlying dacioned real property assets were sold or disposed of; and, (ii) the equity investments in the SPCs shall be disposed of within a reasonable period of time.

In partial compliance with the requirements of the BSP, the management of RSB resolved that certain SPCs be disposed of through the conversion of the SPCs' existing common shares into redeemable preferred shares which shall be subsequently redeemed. Accordingly, at their special meeting held on September 30, 2013, the respective BOD and the stockholders of the SPCs approved that a portion of the common shares of the SPCs owned by RSB shall be converted to redeemable preferred shares and that for such purpose, the Articles of Incorporation of the SPCs below have been amended. The amendment was approved by the SEC on November 28, 2013:

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| (a) Goldpath | (g) Princeway |
| (b) Eight Hills | (h) Greatwings |
| (c) Crescent Park | (i) Top Place |
| (d) Niceview | (j) Crestview |
| (e) Lifeway | (k) Best Value |
| (f) Gold Place | |

On December 23, 2013, the BOD of RSB approved the foregoing SPCs' redemption of the SPCs' respective preferred shares for a total consideration of P1,555. This transaction resulted in the recognition of a redemption loss by RSB amounting to P185 which is reported in the 2013 consolidated financial statements of the Group as part of Other Reserves account pending the eventual retirement of these redeemable preferred shares. On May 30, 2014 and on October 16, 2014, the retirement of the preferred shares was approved by the BOD and SEC, respectively; hence, the retirement of shares was executed by RSB. Consequently, the amount of the redemption loss was transferred directly to Surplus account from Other Reserves account as the redemption of shares of these SPCs is considered transaction between owners within the Group (see Note 23.6).

In relation to the SPCs disposal plan and to fully comply with the requirements of the BSP, the BOD of RSB has approved in its meeting held on May 30, 2014 the shortening of the corporate life of these SPCs until December 31, 2015 which was approved by the SEC in various dates during the last quarter of 2014. As the Group is in the process of liquidating the operations of those SPCs, which is expected to be completed in the near future, the carrying amounts of the real properties of those SPCs subject for liquidation are accounted for under PFRS 5; hence, classified as assets held-for-sale.

15.4 Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses include prepayments for insurance, taxes and licenses, and software maintenance.

15.5 Goodwill

The goodwill recognized by the Group as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 pertains to the following:

RSB	P	268
Rizal Microbank		<u>158</u>
		426
Allowance for impairment	(	<u>158)</u>
	P	<u>268</u>

RSB recognized goodwill arising from its acquisition of the net assets of another bank in 1998 from which it had expected future economic benefits and synergies that will result from combining the operations of the acquired bank with that of RSB.

Goodwill is subject to annual impairment testing and whenever there is an indication of impairment. In 2018 and 2017, RSB engaged a third party consultant to perform an independent impairment testing of goodwill. On the basis of the report of the third party consultant dated January 16, 2019 and January 28, 2018 with valuation date as of the end of 2018 and 2017, respectively, the Group has assessed that the recoverable amount of the goodwill is higher than its carrying value. Accordingly, no impairment loss is required to be recognized in the statements of profit or loss in both years.

In addition, the goodwill pertaining to the acquisition of Rizal Microbank was fully provided with impairment in 2011.

15.6 Margin Deposits

Margin deposits serve as security for outstanding financial market transactions and other liabilities. These are designed to provide additional credit risk protection for counterparty exposures.

15.7 Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous account includes various deposits, advance rentals, service provider fund and other assets.

16. **ALLOWANCE FOR EXPECTED CREDIT LOSS AND IMPAIRMENT**

Changes in the amounts of allowance for impairment are summarized below.

	Notes	Group		Parent Company	
		2018	2017	2018	2017
Balance at beginning of year					
Loans and receivables	11	P 7,903	P 7,321	P 4,942	P 4,792
Investment securities					
at amortized cost	10.3	90	90	-	-
Investment properties	14	58	34	-	-
Other resources	15	191	288	2	1
		8,242	7,733	4,944	4,793
Effect of adoption of the ECL model	2.2				
Loans and receivables		1,680	-	1,959	-
Investment securities at amortized cost		21	-	10	-
		1,701	-	1,969	-
Impairment losses (recovery):					
Loans and receivables	11	1,879	2,076	1,295	1,086
Investment securities at amortized cost	10.3	24	-	15	-
Loan commitments	4.4.8(d)	(13)	-	(13)	-
Investment properties	14	-	79	-	-
Other resources	15	9	-	9	78
		1,899	2,155	1,306	1,164
Charge-offs and other adjustments during the year		(1,087)	(1,646)	(1,146)	(1,013)
Balance at end of year					
Loans and receivables	11	10,291	7,903	7,041	4,942
Investment securities at amortized cost	10.3	135	90	26	-
Investment properties	14	92	58	6	-
Other resources	15	237	191	-	2
		P 10,755	P 8,242	P 7,073	P 4,944

17. DEPOSIT LIABILITIES

The following is the breakdown of deposit liabilities (see also Note 28.2):

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Demand	P 56,413	P 51,996	P 43,650	P 40,857
Savings	174,107	165,187	147,771	141,160
Time	179,724	161,727	97,834	97,148
Long-term Negotiable Certificate of Deposits (LTNCD)	<u>13,155</u>	<u>9,502</u>	<u>13,155</u>	<u>9,502</u>
	<u>P 423,399</u>	<u>P 388,412</u>	<u>P 302,410</u>	<u>P 288,667</u>

The Parent Company's LTNCDs as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

<u>Issuance Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Coupon Interest</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>	
			<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
September 28, 2018	March 28, 2024	5.50%	P 3,580	P -
August 11, 2017	February 11, 2023	3.75%	2,502	2,502
December 19, 2014	June 19, 2020	4.13%	2,100	2,100
November 14, 2013	May 14, 2019	3.25%	2,860	2,860
November 14, 2013	May 14, 2019	0.00%	<u>2,113</u>	<u>2,040</u>
			<u>P 13,155</u>	<u>P 9,502</u>

The Parent Company's LTNCDs were used in the expansion of its term deposit base to support long-term asset growth and for other general funding purposes. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, unamortized debt issue cost amounted to P27 and P20, respectively. Amortization of debt issue cost of P1 in 2018, P3 in 2017 and P2 in 2016, is recorded as part of Interest expenses in the statements of profit or loss.

The maturity profile of the deposit liabilities follows:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Within one year	P 62,340	P 71,895	P 48,771	P 53,549
One year to more than five years	16,039	13,739	14,253	12,546
Non-maturing	<u>345,020</u>	<u>302,778</u>	<u>239,386</u>	<u>222,572</u>
	<u>P 423,399</u>	<u>P 388,412</u>	<u>P 302,410</u>	<u>P 288,667</u>

Deposit liabilities, aside from LTNCDs, bear annual interest rates ranging from 0.11% to 3.28% in 2018, 0.10% to 1.84% in 2017, and 0.13% to 1.38% in 2016. The total interest expense incurred by the Group and the Parent Company on deposit liabilities amounted to P6,295 and P3,723, respectively, in 2018, P3,959 and P2,389, respectively, in 2017, and P3,269 and P2,021, respectively, in 2016.

Under existing BSP regulations, non-FCDU deposit liabilities, including tax exempt LTNCDs, of the Parent Company is subject to reserve requirement equivalent to 20% from May 30, 2014 to March 1, 2018, 19% from March 2, 2018 to May 31, 2018, and 18% from June 1, 2018 and thereafter, while RSB and Rizal Microbank are subject to reserve requirement equivalent to 8% both in 2018 and 2017. Peso-denominated LTNCDs of the Parent Company are subject to reserve requirement equivalent to 4% in 2018 and 6% in 2017. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Group is in compliance with such regulatory reserve requirements.

Under BSP Circular No. 753, cash in vault and regular reserve deposit accounts with BSP are excluded as eligible forms of compliance for the reserve requirements. The required reserve shall only be kept in the form of demand deposit accounts with the BSP. Available reserves consist of Due from BSP amounting to P51,409 and P55,386 for the Group and P39,770 and P46,986 for the Parent Company as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively (see Note 9).

18. **BILLS PAYABLE**

This account consists of borrowings from:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Foreign banks	P 40,613	P 33,102	P 40,613	P 33,102
Local banks	15,386	10,862	8,144	3,495
Others	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>P 56,001</u>	<u>P 43,967</u>	<u>P 48,759</u>	<u>P 36,600</u>

The maturity profile of bills payable follows:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Within one year	P 49,721	P 33,841	P 44,177	P 29,915
Beyond one year but within five years	5,095	6,379	3,397	5,185
More than five years	<u>1,185</u>	<u>3,747</u>	<u>1,185</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>P 56,001</u>	<u>P 43,967</u>	<u>P 48,759</u>	<u>P 36,600</u>

Borrowings from foreign and local banks are subject to annual fixed interest rates as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Group</u>			
Peso denominated	1.05% - 8.25%	1.06% - 4.50%	0.88% - 2.98%
Foreign currency denominated	1.05% - 4.50%	1.06% - 3.46%	0.10% - 2.86%
<u>Parent Company</u>			
Foreign currency denominated	1.05% - 4.50%	1.06% - 3.46%	0.10% - 2.86%

The total interest expense incurred by the Group on the bills payable amounted to P1,541 in 2018, P891 in 2017, and P931 in 2016.

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, certain bills payable availed under repurchase agreements are secured by the Group's and Parent Company's investment securities (see Note 10.3).

19. BONDS PAYABLE

The composition of this account for the Group and the Parent Company follows:

<u>Issuance Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Coupon Interest</u>	<u>Face Value (in millions)</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>	
				<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
March 15, 2018	March 16, 2023	4.13%	\$ 450	P 23,560	P -
November 2, 2015	February 2, 2021	3.45%	320	16,826	15,977
January 21, 2015	January 22, 2020	4.25%	243	12,704	12,083
			<u>\$ 1,013</u>	<u>P 53,090</u>	<u>P 28,060</u>

In March 2018, the Parent Company issued unsecured US\$ denominated Senior Notes with principal amount of US\$450 bearing an interest of 4.13% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears every March 16 and September 16 of each year. The Senior Notes, unless redeemed, will mature on March 16, 2023. As of December 31, 2018, the peso equivalent of this outstanding bond issue amounted to P23,560.

In November 2015, the Parent Company issued unsecured US\$ denominated Senior Notes with principal amount of US\$320 bearing an interest of 3.45% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears every May 2 and November 2 of each year. The Senior Notes, unless redeemed, will mature on February 2, 2021. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the peso equivalent of this outstanding bond issue amounted to P16,826 and P15,977, respectively.

In January 2015, the Parent Company issued unsecured US\$ denominated Senior Notes with principal amount of US\$243 bearing an interest of 4.25% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears every January 21 and July 21 of each year, which commenced on July 21, 2015. The Senior Notes, unless redeemed, will mature on January 22, 2020. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the peso equivalent of this outstanding bond issue amounted to P12,704 and P12,083, respectively.

The interest expense incurred on these bonds payable amounted to P1,911 in 2018, P1,155 in 2017, and P1,715 in 2016. The Group and Parent Company recognized foreign currency exchange losses related to these bonds payable amounting to P1,489 in 2018, P118 in 2017, and P516 in 2016, which are netted against Foreign exchange gains presented under Other Operating Income account in the statements of profit or loss.

20. SUBORDINATED DEBT

On June 27, 2014, the Parent Company issued P7 billion Basel III-compliant Tier 2 Capital Notes (the "Tier 2 Notes") which shall be part of the Group's regulatory capital compliance in accordance with Basel III capital guidelines of the BSP. The Parent Company re-opened the Tier 2 Notes and issued an additional P3 billion of the Notes on September 5, 2014, which constituted a further issuance of, and formed a single series with the existing P7,000 Tier 2 Notes.

The significant terms and conditions of the Tier 2 Notes with an aggregate issue amount of P10,000, are as follows:

- (a) The Tier 2 Notes shall mature on September 27, 2024, provided that they are not redeemed at an earlier date.
- (b) Subject to satisfaction of certain regulatory approval requirements, the Parent Company may, on September 26, 2019, and on any Interest Payment Date thereafter, redeem all of the outstanding Tier 2 Notes at redemption price equal to 100% of its face value together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon. The terms and conditions of the Tier 2 Notes also allow for early redemption upon the occurrence of a Tax Redemption Event or a Regulatory Redemption Event.
- (c) The Tier 2 Notes shall initially bear interest at the rate of 5.375% per annum from and including June 27, 2014 to but excluding September 27, 2019 and shall be payable quarterly in arrears at the end of each interest period on March 27, June 27, September 27 and December 27 of each year.
- (d) Unless the Tier 2 Notes are previously redeemed, the initial interest rate will be reset on September 26, 2019 at the equivalent of the five-year PDST-R2 or the relevant five-year benchmark plus the initial spread of 1.93% per annum. Such reset interest shall be payable quarterly in arrears commencing on September 27, 2019 up to and including September 27, 2024, if not otherwise redeemed earlier.
- (e) The Tier 2 Notes have a loss absorption feature which means the notes are subject to a Non-Viability Write-Down in case of the occurrence of a Non-Viability Event, subject to certain conditions as set out in the terms and conditions of the notes, when the Issuer is considered non-viable as determined by the BSP. Non-Viability is defined as a deviation from a certain level of CET1 ratio or the inability of the Issuer to continue business (closure) or any other event as determined by the BSP, whichever comes earlier. Upon the occurrence of a Non-Viability Event, the Issuer shall write-down the principal amount of the notes to the extent required by the BSP, which could go as low as zero. A Non-Viability Write-Down shall have the following effects:
 - (i) it shall reduce the claim on the notes in liquidation;
 - (ii) reduce the amount re-paid when a call or redemption is properly exercised; and,
 - (iii) partially or fully reduce the interest payments on the notes.

The total interest expense incurred by the Group and Parent Company on the notes amounted to P555 in 2018, P554 in 2017, and P553 in 2016.

21. ACCRUED INTEREST, TAXES AND OTHER EXPENSES

The composition of this account follows:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Accrued expenses	P 2,916	P 2,809	P 2,329	P 2,171
Accrued interest	2,068	1,120	1,436	838
Taxes payable	293	256	201	209
	<u>P 5,277</u>	<u>P 4,185</u>	<u>P 3,966</u>	<u>P 3,218</u>

Accrued expenses represent mainly the accruals for utilities, employee benefits and other operating expenses. Accrued interest primarily includes unpaid interest on deposit liabilities, bills payable, bonds payable and subordinated debt at the end of each reporting period.

These obligations are expected to be settled within one year after the reporting period.

22. OTHER LIABILITIES

Other liabilities consist of the following:

	Notes	Group		Parent Company	
		2018	2017	2018	2017
Accounts payable	28.5(a), 28.5(c)	P 6,291	P 6,451	P 3,590	P 3,735
Bills purchased – contra		1,847	1,079	1,791	1,074
Manager's checks		1,545	1,575	919	835
Post-employment defined benefit obligation	24.2	1,481	111	1,420	33
Derivative financial liabilities	10.1	894	483	894	483
Outstanding acceptances payable		880	405	880	405
Deposit on lease contracts		471	342	122	105
Payment orders payable		432	193	418	181
Other credits		392	370	241	232
Unearned income		380	296	347	273
Withholding taxes payable		304	243	218	143
Sundry credits		125	121	117	96
Advance rentals		106	92	106	92
ECL provisions on loan commitments	4.4.8(d)	94	-	94	-
Guaranty deposits		57	62	57	62
Due to BSP		29	39	24	39
Miscellaneous		344	507	399	346
		P 15,672	P 12,369	P 11,637	P 8,134

Accounts payable is mainly composed of prepaid card balances of customers, settlement billing from credit card operations and the Group's expenditure purchases which are to be settled within the next reporting period.

Miscellaneous liabilities include unclaimed balances for deposits and other miscellaneous liabilities.

The maturity profile of other liabilities follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Within one year	P 13,271	P 11,484	P 9,797	P 7,702
More than one year	2,401	885	1,840	432
	P 15,672	P 12,369	P 11,637	P 8,134

23. EQUITY

23.1 Capital Stock

The movements in the outstanding capital stock of the Parent Company are as follows:

	<u>Number of Shares</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Preferred stock – voting, non-cumulative non-redeemable, participating, convertible into common stock – P10 par value Authorized – 200,000,000 shares			
Issued and outstanding:			
Balance at beginning of year	276,845	293,987	310,145
Conversion of shares during the year	(8,958)	(17,142)	(16,158)
Balance at end of year	<u>267,887</u>	<u>276,845</u>	<u>293,987</u>
Common stock – P10 par value			
Authorized:			
Balance at beginning of year	1,400,000,000	1,400,000,000	1,400,000,000
Increase during the year	<u>1,200,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>2,600,000,000</u>	<u>1,400,000,000</u>	<u>1,400,000,000</u>
Issued and outstanding:			
Balance at beginning of year	1,399,916,364	1,399,912,464	1,399,908,746
Issuance of shares during the year	535,710,378	-	-
Conversion of shares during the year	<u>2,033</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>3,718</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>1,935,628,775</u>	<u>1,399,916,364</u>	<u>1,399,912,464</u>

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, there are 756 and 758 holders, respectively, of the Parent Company's listed shares holding an equivalent of 100.00% of the Parent Company's total issued and outstanding shares. Such listed shares closed at P28.50 per share and P55.35 per share as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

In 1986, the Parent Company listed its common shares with the PSE. The historical information on the Parent Company's issuance of common shares arising from the initial and subsequent public offerings, including private placements is presented below.

<u>Issuance</u>	<u>Subscriber</u>	<u>Issuance Date</u>	<u>Number of Shares Issued</u>
Initial public offering	Various	November 1986	1,410,579
Stock rights offering	Various	April 1997	44,492,908
Stock rights offering	Various	July 1997	5,308,721
Stock rights offering	Various	August 1997	830,345
Stock rights offering	Various	January 2002	167,035,982
Stock rights offering	Various	June 2002	32,964,018
Follow-on offering	Various	March 2007	210,000,000
Private placement	International Finance Corporation (IFC)	March 2011	73,448,275
Private placement	Hexagon Investments B.V.	September 2011	126,551,725
Private placement	PMMIC	March 2013	63,650,000
Private placement	IFC Capitalization Fund	April 2013	71,151,505
Private placement	Cathay	April 2015	124,242,272
Stock rights offering	Various	July 2018	535,710,378

On May 29, 2006, the Parent Company's stockholders approved the issuance of up to 200,000,000 convertible preferred shares with a par value of P10 per share, subject to the approval, among others, by the PSE. The purpose of the issuance of the convertible preferred shares is to raise the Tier 1 capital pursuant to BSP regulations, thereby strengthening the capital base of the Parent Company and allowing it to expand its operations. On February 13, 2007, the PSE approved the listing application of the underlying common shares for the 105,000 convertible preferred shares, subject to the compliance of certain conditions of the PSE. Preferred shares have the following features:

- (a) Entitled to dividends at floating rate equivalent to the three-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a spread of 2.0% per annum, calculated quarterly;
- (b) Convertible to common shares at any time after the issue date at the option of the Parent Company at a conversion price using the adjusted net book value per share of the Parent Company based on the latest available financial statements prepared in accordance with PFRS, adjusted by local regulations;
- (c) Non-redeemable; and,
- (d) Participating as to dividends on a pro rata basis with the common stockholders in the surplus of the Parent Company after dividend payments had been made to the preferred shareholders.

On June 28, 2010, the Parent Company's stockholders owning or representing more than two-thirds of the outstanding capital stock confirmed and ratified the approval by the majority of the BOD on their Executive Session held on May 21, 2010, the proposed increase in Parent Company's authorized capital stock and removal of pre-emptive rights from holders of capital stock, whether common or preferred, to subscribe for or to purchase any shares of stock of any class, by amending the Parent Company's Articles of Incorporation.

The proposed P16,000 authorized capital stock is divided into the following classes of stocks:

- (a) 1,400,000,000 common shares with a par value of ten pesos (P10.00) per share.
- (b) 200,000,000 preferred shares with a par value of ten pesos (P10.00) per share.

The removal of pre-emptive rights was approved by the BSP and SEC on October 20, 2010 and November 4, 2010, respectively. On the other hand, the increase in authorized capital stock of the Parent Company was approved by the BSP and SEC on August 24, 2011 and September 16, 2011, respectively.

Common shares may be transferred to local and foreign nationals and shall, at all times, not be less than 60% and not more than 40% of the voting stock, be beneficially owned by local nationals and by foreign nationals, respectively.

23.2 Issuance of Common Shares, Purchase and Reissuance of Treasury Shares

On November 27, 2017, the BOD of the Parent Company approved the increase in the Parent Company's authorized capital through the increase in the authorized common stock from 1,400,000,000 shares to 2,600,000,000 shares at P10 par value per share or for a total capital stock of P14,000 to P26,000. The BOD also approved the amendment of the Parent Company's Articles of Incorporation for the principal purpose of reflecting the said increase in authorized capital. These resolutions were approved by the Parent Company's stockholders representing at least two-thirds of its outstanding capital stock in a special meeting held on January 29, 2018. In the same meeting, the Parent Company's BOD approved the stock rights offering (Rights Offer) to be subscribed out of the increase in the authorized capital. The increase in authorized capital stock and the Rights Offer were approved by the BSP and SEC on June 29, 2018 and July 4, 2018, respectively. The offering of the stock rights representing 535,710,378 common shares (with equivalent amount of P5,357) occurred from June 25 to June 29, 2018 and the shares were listed at the PSE on July 16, 2018 (see Note 28). The Rights Offer and issuance generated P15,000 proceeds, reduced by P217 issue costs; hence, resulting in P9,426 excess of consideration received over par value recognized in Capital Paid in Excess of Par account in the 2018 consolidated statement of changes in equity.

In 2015, the Parent Company issued common shares to Cathay at P64 per share for a total issue price of P7,951. This issuance resulted in the recognition of Capital Paid in Excess of Par amounting to P6,709 reduced by the total issuance cost of P222. The acquisition involves Cathay: (i) acquiring from Hexagon Investments B.V., an entity controlled by funds managed by CVC Asia Pacific Limited, 118,935,590 secondary shares at P64 per share, pursuant to a Sale and Purchase Agreement; (ii) acquiring 36,724,138 secondary common shares from IFC Capitalization Fund also at P64 per share, pursuant to a Sale and Purchase Agreement; and, (iv) entering into a shareholders agreement with PMMIC and the Parent Company.

In 2013, the Parent Company issued common shares to PMMIC and IFC Capitalization Fund at P64 and P58 per share for a total issue price of P4,074 and P4,127, respectively. These issuances resulted in the recognition of Capital Paid in Excess of Par amounting to P3,437 and P3,415, respectively, reduced by total issuance costs of P101.

Also, on September 23, 2011, the Parent Company issued 5,821,548 common shares (equivalent of 18,082,311 preferred shares and with total par value of P58) from the treasury account reissuance (with total cost of P182) and an additional 120,730,177 common stock (with total par value of P1,207) from unissued portion of the increase in authorized capital stock on September 23, 2011 to Hexagon Investments B.V. that is equivalent to approximately 15.00% of the outstanding common shares. The issuance resulted in the recognition of additional Capital Paid in Excess of Par amounting to P2,264.

On March 17, 2011, the Parent Company issued 73,448,275 common shares, comprising of 50,427,931 treasury shares reissuance (with total cost of P771) and 23,020,344 unissued stock (with total par value of P230), to IFC Capitalization Fund for a total consideration of P2,130 representing 7.20% ownership interest. The issuance resulted in the recognition of additional Capital Paid in Excess of Par amounting to P1,078.

23.3 Surplus and Dividend Declarations

The details of the cash dividend distributions follow:

Date Declared	Dividend		Record Date	Date Approved		Date Paid/Payable
	Per Share	Total Amount		by BOD	by BSP	
January 25, 2016	P 0.6495	P 0.02	March 21, 2016	January 25, 2016	*	March 23, 2016
April 25, 2016	0.0660	0.02	June 21, 2016	April 25, 2016	June 16, 2016	June 21, 2016
April 25, 2016	0.7200	1,007.94	June 30, 2016	April 25, 2016	June 16, 2016	July 18, 2016
April 25, 2016	0.7200	0.21	June 30, 2016	April 25, 2016	June 16, 2016	July 18, 2016
July 25, 2016	0.0676	0.02	September 21, 2016	July 25, 2016	September 16, 2016	October 11, 2016
November 2, 2016	0.0724	0.02	December 21, 2016	November 2, 2016	January 13, 2017	January 17, 2017
January 30, 2017	0.0749	0.02	March 21, 2017	January 30, 2017	March 22, 2017	March 24, 2017
April 24, 2017	0.0807	0.02	June 21, 2017	April 24, 2017	April 26, 2017	June 23, 2017
April 24, 2017	0.5520	772.75	April 27, 2017	April 24, 2017	April 26, 2017	May 25, 2017
April 24, 2017	0.5520	0.15	April 27, 2017	April 24, 2017	April 26, 2017	May 25, 2017
July 31, 2017	0.0840	0.02	September 21, 2017	July 31, 2017	September 5, 2017	September 22, 2017
October 30, 2017	0.0840	0.02	December 21, 2017	October 30, 2017	December 12, 2017	December 22, 2017
January 29, 2018	0.0919	0.02	March 21, 2018	January 29, 2018	March 1, 2018	March 28, 2018
March 26, 2018	0.0616	862.35	June 21, 2018	March 26, 2018	April 5, 2018	May 7, 2018
March 26, 2018	0.0616	0.17	April 27, 2018	March 26, 2018	April 5, 2018	May 7, 2018
April 30, 2018	0.1080	0.03	April 27, 2018	April 30, 2018	June 14, 2018	June 25, 2018
July 30, 2018	0.1108	0.03	September 21, 2018	July 30, 2018	September 4, 2018	September 24, 2018
November 26, 2018	0.0111	0.03	December 21, 2018	November 26, 2018	*	December 28, 2018

* Not applicable, BSP approval not anymore required during these periods

In 2015, the BSP, through the Monetary Board, approved the liberalized rules for banks and quasi-banks on dividend declaration. The policy requires that dividend declaration be immediately recognized as a liability upon the approval of the BOD and that it be disclosed in the statement of changes in equity.

A portion of the Parent Company's surplus corresponding to the equity in net earnings of certain subsidiaries and associates totalling P10,883 and P9,839 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, is not currently available for distribution as dividends.

23.4 Revaluation Reserves

The components and reconciliation of items of other comprehensive income presented in the statements of changes in equity of the Group and Parent Company at their aggregate amount under Revaluation Reserves account are shown below.

	Revaluation of Financial Assets at FVOCI	Accumulated Translation Adjustments on Foreign Operations	Actuarial Gains (Losses) on Defined Benefit Plan	Total
Balance as of January 1, 2018				
As previously reported	P 1,968	P 85	(P 79)	P 1,974
Effect of adoption of PFRS 9 (see Note 2.2)	<u>456</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>456</u>
As restated	<u>2,424</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>(79)</u>	<u>2,430</u>
Actuarial losses on defined benefit plan			(1,263)	(1,263)
Fair value loss on financial assets at FVOCI	(869)	-	-	(869)
Reversal of cumulative translation adjustment on dissolution of a foreign subsidiary	<u>-</u>	<u>(32)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32)</u>
Other comprehensive loss	<u>(869)</u>	<u>(32)</u>	<u>(1,263)</u>	<u>(2,164)</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2018	<u>P 1,555</u>	<u>P 53</u>	<u>(P 1,342)</u>	<u>P 266</u>
Balance as of January 1, 2017	P 2,128	P 86	(P 1,593)	P 621
Fair value losses on financial assets at FVOCI	(156)	-	-	(156)
Actuarial gains on defined benefit plan	-	-	1,514	1,514
Translation adjustments on foreign operation	<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)	<u>(156)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>1,514</u>	<u>1,357</u>
Transfer from fair value gains on financial asset at FVOCI to Surplus	<u>(4)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4)</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2017	<u>P 1,968</u>	<u>P 85</u>	<u>(P 79)</u>	<u>P 1,974</u>
Balance at January 1, 2016	P 689	P 61	(P 1,268)	(P 518)
Actuarial losses on defined benefit plan	-	-	(325)	(325)
Fair value gains on financial assets at FVOCI	1,442	-	-	1,442
Translation adjustments on foreign operation	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)	<u>1,442</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>(325)</u>	<u>1,142</u>
Transfer from fair value gains on financial asset at FVOCI to Surplus	<u>(3)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3)</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2016	<u>P 2,128</u>	<u>P 86</u>	<u>(P 1,593)</u>	<u>P 621</u>

23.5 Appropriation for General Loan Loss Reserves

Pursuant to the requirements of the BSP under Circular No. 1011, the Group shall recognize general loan loss provisions equivalent to one percent of all outstanding loans as of the end of the reporting period, except for accounts considered as credit risk-free under the existing BSP regulations. In cases when the computed allowance for ECL on those exposures is less than one percent of the general loan loss provisions required, the deficiency is recognized through appropriation from the Group's available Surplus. Such appropriation is considered as Tier 2 capital subject to the limit provided under the CAR framework. The outstanding balance of appropriation for General Loan Loss Reserves as of December 31, 2018 include appropriation recognized at January 1, 2018 upon adoption of the ECL model under PFRS 9 amounting to P2,227 and P1,793 (see Note 2.2) for the Group and Parent Company, respectively, and the additional appropriation made in 2018 amounting to P367 and P319 for the Group and Parent Company, respectively.

23.6 Other Reserves

On December 23, 2013, the SPCs' BOD approved the redemption of the SPCs' respective preferred shares for a total consideration of P1,555. As a result thereof, the Group incurred a redemption loss amounting to P185 and is presented as part of Other Reserves account in the 2013 statement of financial position. On May 30, 2014 and on October 16, 2014, the BOD and SEC approved the execution of the retirement of the preferred shares resulting from the SPC's redemption on December 31, 2014. Consequently, the amount of the redemption loss of P185 previously recognized in the 2013 consolidated statement of changes in equity of the Group, as part Other Reserves account, was transferred directly to Surplus (see Note 15.3).

As of December 31, 2018, this account consists of reserves arising from the acquisition of RCBC LFC and Rizal Microbank for a total of P97.

24. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

24.1 Salaries and Employee Benefits Expense

Expenses recognized for salaries and other employee benefits are shown below.

	Group		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Short-term employee benefits	P 6,034	P 5,617	P 5,039
Post-employment defined benefits	<u>528</u>	<u>374</u>	<u>369</u>
	<u>P 6,562</u>	<u>P 5,991</u>	<u>P 5,408</u>
	Parent Company		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Short-term employee benefits	P 4,138	P 3,857	P 3,386
Post-employment defined benefits	<u>334</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>280</u>
	<u>P 4,472</u>	<u>P 4,164</u>	<u>P 3,666</u>

24.2 Post-employment Defined Benefit Plan

(a) Characteristics of the Defined Benefit Plan

The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries maintain a funded, tax-qualified, non-contributory post-employment benefit plan that is being administered by the Parent Company's and RSB's Trust Departments, covering all regular full-time employees. The Parent Company's and RSB's Trust Departments manage the fund in coordination with the Parent Company's Retirement Committee, Trust Committee and the respective committees of the subsidiaries which act in the best interest of the plan assets and are responsible for setting the investment policies.

The normal retirement age of the Group's employees ranges between 55 to 60 but the plan also provides for an early retirement at age 50 to 55 with a minimum of 10 to 20 years of credited service. The maximum retirement benefit is the lump sum equivalent to 1.25 to 2 months pay per year of continuous employment based on the employees' salary at retirement. Any fraction of a year shall be computed proportionately.

(b) Explanation of Amounts Presented in the Financial Statements

Actuarial valuations are made annually to update the post-employment benefit costs and the amount of contributions. All amounts presented below are based on the actuarial valuation reports obtained from independent actuaries in 2018 and 2017.

The amounts of post-employment benefit obligation recognized in the financial statements are determined as follows:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Present value of the obligation	P 4,800	P 4,995	P 3,880	P 4,126
Fair value of plan assets	(3,321)	(4,891)	(2,460)	(4,100)
Effect of asset ceiling test	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>
Deficiency of plan assets	<u>P 1,481</u>	<u>P 111</u>	<u>P 1,420</u>	<u>P 33</u>

The Group's and Parent Company's post-employment defined benefit obligation as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are included as part of Other Liabilities account in the statements of financial position (see Note 22).

The movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation follow:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Balance at beginning of year	P 4,995	P 4,953	P 4,126	P 4,156
Current service cost	528	374	334	307
Interest expense	303	274	248	230
Remeasurements – actuarial losses (gains) arising from changes in:				
– financial assumptions	(848)	(230)	(636)	(206)
– experience adjustments	216	(113)	155	(125)
– demographic assumptions	(9)	-	-	-
Benefits paid by the plan	(385)	(263)	(347)	(236)
Balance at end of year	<u>P 4,800</u>	<u>P 4,995</u>	<u>P 3,880</u>	<u>P 4,126</u>

The movements in the fair value of plan assets are presented below.

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Balance at beginning of year	P 4,891	P 3,218	P 4,100	P 2,599
Interest income	292	186	245	149
Return (loss) on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest)	(1,908)	1,174	(1,865)	1,167
Contributions paid into the plan	431	576	327	421
Benefits paid by the plan	(385)	(263)	(347)	(236)
Balance at end of year	<u>P 3,321</u>	<u>P 4,891</u>	<u>P 2,460</u>	<u>P 4,100</u>

The composition of the fair value of plan assets at the end of each reporting period by category and risk characteristics is shown below.

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Cash and cash equivalents	P 473	P 402	P 343	P 311
Debt securities:				
Corporate debt securities	86	299	-	-
Government bonds	407	127	4	4
Equity securities:				
Financial intermediaries	1,778	3,354	1,609	3,124
Transportation and communication	166	208	158	208
Electricity, gas and water	100	170	97	169
Diversified holding companies	46	26	20	22
Others	24	22	1	1
Unquoted long-term equity investments	140	169	140	169
UITF	93	107	80	85
Investment properties	6	6	6	6
Loans and receivables	2	1	2	1
	<u>P 3,321</u>	<u>P 4,891</u>	<u>P 2,460</u>	<u>P 4,100</u>

The fair values of the above debt securities and quoted equity securities are determined based on market prices in active markets. Long-term equity investments represent investment in corporations not listed in active and organized markets. Fair values are determined based on the book value per share based on latest audited financial statements of the investee company. The fair value of the UITF is determined based on the net asset value per unit of investment held in the fund.

The fair value of the plan assets is at Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy except for unquoted long-term equity investments, loans and receivables, investment properties and other investments which are at Level 3.

The returns on plan assets are as follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Fair value gains (losses)	(P 1,908)	P 1,174	(P 1,865)	P 1,167
Interest income	292	186	245	149
Actual returns	<u>(P 1,616)</u>	<u>P 1,360</u>	<u>(P 1,620)</u>	<u>P 1,316</u>

The amounts of post-employment benefit expense recognized in the statements of profit or loss and in other comprehensive income in respect of the defined benefit post-employment plan are determined as follows:

	Group		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<i>Reported in profit or loss:</i>			
Current service cost	P 528	P 374	P 369
Net interest expense	<u>11</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>62</u>
	<u>P 539</u>	<u>P 462</u>	<u>P 431</u>
<i>Reported in other comprehensive income:</i>			
Actuarial gains (losses) arising from changes in:			
– Financial assumptions	P 848	P 230	P 73
– Experience adjustments	(216)	113	(2)
– Demographic assumptions	9	-	6
Effect of asset ceiling test	(2)	(7)	-
Return (loss) on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest)	<u>(1,908)</u>	<u>1,174</u>	<u>(402)</u>
	<u>(P 1,269)</u>	<u>P 1,510</u>	<u>(P 325)</u>
Parent Company			
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<i>Reported in profit or loss:</i>			
Current service costs	P 334	P 307	P 280
Net interest expense	<u>3</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>60</u>
	<u>P 337</u>	<u>P 388</u>	<u>P 340</u>
<i>Reported in other comprehensive income:</i>			
Actuarial gains (losses) arising from changes in:			
– Financial assumptions	P 636	P 206	P 63
– Experience adjustments	(155)	125	(18)
Effect of asset ceiling	-	(7)	-
Return (loss) on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest)	<u>(1,865)</u>	<u>1,167</u>	<u>(394)</u>
	<u>(P 1,384)</u>	<u>P 1,491</u>	<u>(P 349)</u>

Current service costs, including the effect of curtailment and past service cost, form part of Employee Benefits under the Other Operating Expenses account, while net interest expense or income is presented as part of Interest Expense – Bills Payable and Other Borrowings or Interest Income Others in the statements of profit or loss.

Amounts recognized in other comprehensive income were included within items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss.

In determining the amounts of post-employment obligation, the following ranges of actuarial assumptions were used:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Group</u>			
Discount rates	7.00% - 7.53%	5.48% - 6.00%	5.00% - 5.60%
Expected rate of salary increases	4.00% - 10.50%	4.00% - 8.00%	3.00% - 11.00%
<u>Parent Company</u>			
Discount rates	7.52%	6.00%	5.53%
Expected rate of salary increases	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%

Assumptions regarding future mortality are based on published statistics and mortality tables. The average life expectancy of an individual retiring at the Group's normal retiring age of 60 is based on the 1994 GAM table, set back six years for females. These assumptions were developed by management with the assistance of an independent actuary. Discount factors are determined close to the end of each reporting period by reference to the interest rates of zero coupon government bonds with terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the post-employment obligation. Other assumptions are based on current actuarial benchmarks and management's historical experience.

(c) *Risks Associated with the Retirement Plan*

The plan exposes the Group to actuarial risks such as investment risk, interest rate risk, longevity risk and salary risk.

(i) *Investment and Interest Rate Risks*

The present value of the defined benefit obligation is calculated using a discount rate determined by reference to market yields of government bonds. Generally, a decrease in the interest rate of a reference government bonds will increase the plan obligation. However, this will be partially offset by an increase in the return on the plan's investments in debt securities and if the return on plan asset falls below this rate, it will create a deficit in the plan.

Currently, the plan assets of the Group are significantly invested in equity and debt securities, while the Group also invests in cash and cash equivalents and other investments. Due to the long-term nature of the plan obligation, a level of continuing equity investments is an appropriate element of the Group's long-term strategy to manage the plan efficiently.

(ii) *Longevity and Salary Risks*

The present value of the defined benefit obligation is calculated by reference to the best estimate of the mortality of the plan participants during their employment, and to their future salaries. Consequently, increases in the life expectancy and salary of the plan participants will result in an increase in the plan obligation.

(d) *Other Information*

The information on the sensitivity analysis for certain significant actuarial assumptions, the Group's asset-liability matching strategy, and the timing and uncertainty of future cash flows related to the post-employment plan are described below.

(i) *Sensitivity Analysis*

The following table summarizes the effects of changes in the significant actuarial assumptions used in the determination of the defined benefit obligation as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<u>Group</u>		
	<u>Impact on Post-employment Defined</u>		
	<u>Benefit Obligation</u>		
	<u>Change in</u>	<u>Increase in</u>	<u>Decrease in</u>
	<u>Assumption</u>	<u>Assumption</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
2018:			
Discount rate	+/- 1 %	(P 97)	P 465
Salary growth rate	+/- 1 %	478	(421)
2017:			
Discount rate	+/- 1%	(P 323)	P 403
Salary growth rate	+/- 1%	480	(388)
	<u>Parent Company</u>		
	<u>Impact on Post-employment Defined</u>		
	<u>Benefit Obligation</u>		
	<u>Change in</u>	<u>Increase in</u>	<u>Decrease in</u>
	<u>Assumption</u>	<u>Assumption</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
2018:			
Discount rate	+/- 1%	(P 34)	P 397
Salary growth rate	+/- 1%	404	(355)
2017:			
Discount rate	+/- 1%	(P 391)	P 456
Salary growth rate	+/- 1%	413	(363)

The sensitivity analysis is based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. This analysis may not be representative of the actual change in the defined benefit obligation as it is unlikely that the change in assumptions would occur in isolation of one another as some of the assumptions may be correlated. Furthermore, in presenting the sensitivity analysis, the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of each reporting period has been calculated using the projected unit credit method, which is the same as that applied in calculating the defined benefit obligation recognized in the statements of financial position.

(ii) *Asset-liability Matching Strategies*

To efficiently manage the retirement plan, the Group through its Retirement Plan Committee in coordination with the Group's Trust Departments, ensures that the investment positions are managed considering the computed retirement obligations under the retirement plan. This strategy aims to match the plan assets to the retirement obligations due by investing in assets that are easy to liquidate (i.e., government securities, corporate bonds, equities with high value turnover). As the Group's retirement obligations are in Philippine peso, all assets are invested in the same currency. The Group actively monitors how the duration and the expected yield of the investments are matching the expected cash outflows arising from the retirement obligations. In view of this, various investments are made in a portfolio that may be liquidated within a reasonable period of time.

A large portion of the plan assets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 consists of equity securities with the balance invested in fixed income securities and cash and cash equivalents. The Group believes that equity securities offer the best returns over the long term with an acceptable level of risk.

(iii) *Funding Arrangements and Expected Contributions*

The plan is currently underfunded by P1,481 and P1,420 for the Group and Parent Company, respectively, based on the latest funding actuarial valuations in 2018.

The maturity profile of undiscounted expected benefit payments from the plan within 10 years from the end of each reporting period follows:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Less than one year	P 161	P 226	P 28	P 44
More than one year to five years	1,457	1,319	1,002	1,094
More than five years to ten years	<u>3,581</u>	<u>2,425</u>	<u>2,995</u>	<u>1,984</u>
	<u>P 5,199</u>	<u>P 3,970</u>	<u>P 4,025</u>	<u>P 3,122</u>

The Group and Parent Company expects to contribute P436 and P336, respectively, to the plan in 2019.

25. MISCELLANEOUS INCOME AND EXPENSES

These accounts consist of the following:

25.1 Miscellaneous Income

	Notes	Group		
		2018	2017	2016
Rentals	14.2	P 765	P 741	P 614
Dividend income	10.2	189	234	449
Recoveries from written off assets		206	187	161
Gains on assets sold – net	11,14.1, 15.3	96	441	120
Others		<u>292</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>254</u>
		<u>P 1,548</u>	<u>P 1,893</u>	<u>P 1,598</u>
Parent Company				
	Notes	2018	2017	2016
Rentals	14.2, 28.5(a)	P 454	P 419	P 407
Dividend income	10.2	187	196	307
Recoveries from written off assets		143	146	127
Gains on assets sold – net	14.1, 15.3	28	232	12
Others		<u>143</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>231</u>
		<u>P 955</u>	<u>P 1,129</u>	<u>P 1,084</u>

Miscellaneous income classified as Others includes rebates, penalty charges and other income items that cannot be appropriately classified under any of the foregoing income accounts.

25.2 Miscellaneous Expenses

	Note	Group		
		2018	2017	2016
Insurance		P 946	P 759	P 738
Credit card-related expenses		894	907	663
Communication and information services		488	447	450
Management and other professional fees		454	368	408
Transportation and travel		294	217	206
Advertising and publicity		237	323	276
Litigation/assets acquired expenses		228	166	385
Banking fees		227	193	194
Service and processing fees		223	155	78
Stationery and office supplies		172	149	132
Other outside services		139	130	126
Donation and charitable contribution		53	51	38
Representation and entertainment		43	22	45
Membership fees		24	19	21
Others	29.6	<u>903</u>	<u>998</u>	<u>1,710</u>
		<u>P 5,325</u>	<u>P 4,904</u>	<u>P 5,470</u>

	Notes	Parent Company		
		2018	2017	2016
Credit card-related expenses		P 1,482	P 1,443	P 663
Insurance	28.5(c)	596	564	594
Communication and information services		370	328	281
Management and other professional fees		233	188	217
Service and processing fees		223	137	501
Transportation and travel		223	110	93
Advertising and publicity		186	244	206
Banking fees		171	148	144
Other outside services		113	115	113
Stationery and office supplies		108	92	86
Litigation/assets acquired expense		100	50	181
Donations and charitable contributions		52	51	35
Representation and entertainment		32	22	13
Membership fees		22	19	18
Others	29.6	599	572	1,411
		<u>P 4,510</u>	<u>P 4,083</u>	<u>P 4,556</u>

The Group's other expenses are composed of freight, various processing fees, fines and penalties, and seasonal giveaways. The Group and Parent Company's other expenses also include fees for records, facilities and management services to a related party under common control amounting to P103 and P78, P101 and P67, and P77 and P52 in 2018, 2017 and 2016 respectively (see Note 28).

26. INCOME AND OTHER TAXES

Under Philippine tax laws, the Parent Company and its domestic subsidiaries are subject to percentage and other taxes (presented as Taxes and Licenses in the statements of profit or loss), as well as income taxes. Percentage and other taxes paid consist principally of the gross receipts tax (GRT) and documentary stamp tax (DST).

RA No. 9238, which was enacted on February 10, 2004, provides for the reimposition of GRT on banks and non-bank financial intermediaries performing quasi-banking functions and other non-bank financial intermediaries beginning January 1, 2004.

The recognition of liability of the Parent Company and certain subsidiaries for GRT is based on the related regulations issued by the tax authorities.

Income taxes include the regular corporate income tax (RCIT) of 30%, and final tax paid at the rate of 20%, which represents the final withholding tax on gross interest income from government securities and other deposit substitutes.

Interest allowed as a deductible expense is reduced by an amount equivalent to certain percentage of interest income subjected to final tax. Minimum corporate income tax (MCIT) of 2% on modified gross income is computed and compared with the RCIT. Any excess of the MCIT over the RCIT is deferred and can be used as a tax credit against regular income tax liability in the next three consecutive years. In addition, the Group's net operating loss carry over (NOLCO) is allowed as a deduction from taxable income in the next three consecutive years.

Effective May 2004, RA No. 9294 restored the tax exemption of FCDUs and offshore banking units (OBUs). Under such law, the income derived by the FCDU from foreign currency transactions with non-residents, OBUs, local commercial banks including branches of foreign banks is tax-exempt while interest income on foreign currency loans from residents other than OBUs or other depository banks under the expanded system is subject to 10% gross income tax.

Interest income on deposits with other FCDUs and offshore banking units is subject to 7.5% final tax.

In 2018, 2017 and 2016, the Group opted to continue claiming itemized deductions for income tax purposes.

The Parent Company's foreign subsidiaries are subject to income and other taxes based on the enacted tax laws of the countries and/or jurisdictions where they operate.

26.1 Current and Deferred Taxes

The tax expense (income) as reported in the statements of profit or loss consists of:

	Group		
	2018	2017	2016
Current tax expense:			
RCIT	P 664	P 711	P 414
Final tax	403	203	177
Excess MCIT over RCIT	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>190</u>
	1,070	916	781
Application of MCIT	<u>-</u>	<u>(356)</u>	<u>-</u>
	1,070	560	781
Deferred tax expense (income) relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	<u>(198)</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>(955)</u>
	<u>P 872</u>	<u>P 841</u>	<u>(P 174)</u>
	Parent Company		
	2018	2017	2016
Current tax expense:			
RCIT	P 522	P 563	P 140
Final tax	313	147	173
Excess MCIT over RCIT	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190</u>
	835	710	503
Application of MCIT	<u>-</u>	<u>(356)</u>	<u>-</u>
	835	354	503
Deferred tax expense (income) relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	<u>(22)</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>(842)</u>
	<u>P 813</u>	<u>P 697</u>	<u>(P 339)</u>

A reconciliation of tax on pretax profit computed at the applicable statutory rates to tax expense (income) reported in profit or loss is as follows:

	Group					
	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
Tax on pretax profit at 30%	P	1,558	P	1,545	P	1,109
Adjustments for income subjected to lower income tax rates	(	496	(	434)	(	180)
Tax effects of:						
Non-taxable income	(	1,239	(	786)	(	845)
Non-deductible expenses		1,059		595		520
Recognition of previously unrecognized deferred tax asset		123	-		(	865)
Utilization of MCIT	-			356	-	
FCDU income	(	182	(	306)	(	388)
Unrecognized temporary differences		46	(	130)		97
Utilization of NOLCO	-			1		374
Others		3		-		4
	P	872	P	841	(P	174)
	Parent Company					
	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
Tax on pretax profit at 30%	P	1,540	P	1,502	P	1,059
Adjustments for income subjected to lower income tax rates	(	431	(	384)	(	118)
Tax effects of:						
Non-taxable income	(	1,113	(	899)	(	889)
Non-deductible expenses		1,030		531		420
FCDU income	(	169	(	275)	(	388)
Unrecognized temporary differences	(	44	(	134)		-
Recognition of previously unrecognized deferred tax asset	-		-		(	797)
Utilization of MCIT	-			356	-	
Utilization of NOLCO	-		-			374
	P	813	P	697	(P	339)

The deferred tax assets of the Group recognized in the consolidated statements of financial position as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 relate to the operations of the Parent Company and certain subsidiaries as shown below.

	Statements of Financial Position			Statements of Profit or Loss				
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>		<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>		
Allowance for impairment	P	1,646	P	1,610	P	36		
Provision for credit card reward payments		156		127	(P	9)		
Excess MCIT		59	(	60	(	296)	
Post-employment benefit obligation		136		52	84	(	8)
Deferred rent – PAS 17		38		30	8		13	
NOLCO		3	-		3	-	(443)
Others		56		17	39	(	3)
		56		17	39	(	3)
Deferred tax assets	P	2,094	P	1,896				
Deferred tax income (expense) – net					P	198	(P	281)
					P	955		

In 2016, the Parent Company utilized a portion of its NOLCO available at that year amounting to P1,246.

The deferred tax assets of the Parent Company recognized in its statements of financial position as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 is shown below.

	Statements of Financial Position		Statements of Profit or Loss		
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2016
Allowance for impairment	P 713	P 720	(P 7)	(P 60)	P 780
Provision for credit card reward payments	156	127	29	22	105
Post-employment benefit obligation	43	52	(9)	34	18
Deferred rent – PAS 17	38	30	8	13	17
Excess MCIT	-	-	-	(356)	356
NOLCO	-	-	-	-	(443)
Others	14	13	1	4	9
Deferred tax assets	<u>P 964</u>	<u>P 942</u>			
Deferred tax income (expense) – net			<u>P 22</u>	<u>(P 343)</u>	<u>P 842</u>

The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries have not recognized deferred tax assets on certain temporary differences since management believes that the Parent Company and certain subsidiaries may not be able to generate sufficient taxable profit in the future against which the tax benefits arising from those deductible temporary differences, NOLCO and other tax credits can be utilized.

The unrecognized deferred tax assets relate to the following:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Allowance for impairment	P 1,441	P 925	P 1,399	P 763
Excess MCIT	4	60	-	-
NOLCO	4	51	-	-
Post-employment benefit obligation	-	24	-	-
Advance rental	-	1	-	-
	<u>P 1,449</u>	<u>P 1,061</u>	<u>P 1,399</u>	<u>P 763</u>

Consequently, deferred tax liabilities were also not recognized on certain taxable temporary differences as the settlement of those can be offset by the available deductible temporary differences in the future.

In addition, deferred tax liabilities on accumulated translation adjustments, relating to its foreign subsidiaries were not recognized since their reversal can be controlled, and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

The details of the Group's NOLCO, which can be claimed as deduction from future taxable income within three years from the year the taxable loss was incurred and within five years from the year SPC losses were incurred, is shown below.

<u>Inception Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Utilized</u>	<u>Expired</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Expiry Year</u>
2018	P 11	P -	P -	P 11	2021
2017	5	-	-	5	2020
2016	8	-	-	8	2019
2015	<u>159</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>-</u>	
	<u>P 183</u>	<u>P 37</u>	<u>P 122</u>	<u>P 24</u>	

The breakdown of the Group's excess MCIT over RCIT with the corresponding validity periods follows:

<u>Inception Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Utilized</u>	<u>Expired</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Expiry Year</u>
2018	P 59	P -	P -	P 59	2021
2017	52	50	-	2	2020
2016	2	-	-	2	2019
2015	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	
	<u>P 114</u>	<u>P 50</u>	<u>P 1</u>	<u>P 63</u>	

The MCIT applied by the Group in 2017 solely pertains to the MCIT of the Parent Company as it has generated net taxable income and is liable for RCIT for that year.

26.2 Supplementary Information Required Under RR 15-2010 and RR 19-2011

The BIR issued RR 15-2010 on November 25, 2010 which require certain tax information to be disclosed as part of the notes to financial statements. Such supplementary information is, however, not a required part of the basic financial statements prepared in accordance with PFRS; it is neither a required disclosure under the SEC rules and regulations covering form and content of financial statements under the Securities Regulation Code Rule 68, as amended.

The Parent Company presented this tax information required by the BIR as a supplemental schedule filed separately from the basic financial statements.

27. TRUST OPERATIONS

Securities and properties (other than deposits) held by the Parent Company and RSB in fiduciary or agency capacities for their respective customers are not included in the financial statements, since these are not resources of the Parent Company and RSB. The Group's total trust resources amounted to P87,619 and P91,585 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The Parent Company's total trust resources amounted to P58,041 and P64,395 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively (see Note 29.1).

Investment in government securities which are shown as part of Investment securities at amortized cost (see Note 10.3) with a total face value of P955 and P606 for the Group and the Parent Company, respectively, as of December 31, 2018, and P913 and P604 for the Group and the Parent Company, respectively, as of December 31, 2017 are deposited with the BSP as security for faithful compliance with fiduciary obligations.

28. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Group and Parent Company's related parties include its ultimate parent company, subsidiaries, entities under common ownership, key management personnel and others.

A summary of the Group's and Parent Company's transactions and outstanding balances of such transactions with related parties as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 is presented below.

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Group</u>					
		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
		<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
Stockholders							
Loans and receivables	28.1	(P 55)	P 261	(P 55)	P 316	(P 55)	P 371
Deposit liabilities	28.2	(423)	57	(751)	480	(1,785)	1,231
Interest expense on deposits	28.2	2	-	5	-	6	-
Cash received from issuance of shares of stock	23.2	14,783	-	-	-	-	-
Interest income from loans and receivables	28.1	17	-	16	-	21	-
Associates							
Deposit liabilities	28.2	(142)	135	266	277	(53)	11
Interest expense on deposits	28.2	6	-	3	-	5	-
Dividend	12	2	-	62	-	124	-
Related Parties Under Common Ownership							
Loans and receivables	28.2	344	358	14	14	(541)	-
Deposit liabilities	28.2	856	3,707	2,695	2,851	(2,124)	156
Interest expense on deposits	28.2	37	-	9	-	15	-
Occupancy and equipment related expenses	28.5(a)	790	-	715	-	926	-
Miscellaneous expenses – others	25.2	103	-	101	-	77	-
Interest income from loans and receivables	28.1	2	-	-	-	19	-

		Group									
		<u>2018</u>				<u>2017</u>				<u>2016</u>	
<u>Notes</u>		<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>			<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>			<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
Key Management Personnel											
	Loans and receivables	28.1	(P 198)	P 13	P	210	P 211	(P 1)	P	1	1
	Deposit liabilities	28.2	(192)	94		43	P 286	(67)		243	
	Interest income from										
	loans and receivables	28.1	1	-		2	-	-		-	-
	Interest expense on deposits	28.1	1	-		3	-	1		-	-
	Salaries and employee benefits	28.5(d)	637	-		458	-	376		-	-
Other Related Interests											
	Loans and receivables	28.1	(6,953)	3,153		5,565	10,106	(2,855)		4,541	
	Deposit liabilities	28.2	(1,232)	1,062		2,179	2,294	(361)		115	
	Interest income from										
	loans and receivables	28.1	182	-		560	-	567		-	-
	Interest expense on deposits	28.2	26	-		16	-	3		-	-
Parent Company											
		<u>2018</u>				<u>2017</u>				<u>2016</u>	
<u>Notes</u>		<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>			<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>			<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
Stockholders											
	Loans and receivables	28.1	(P 55)	P 261	(P 55)	P 316	(P 55)	P 371		371	
	Deposit liabilities	28.2	(423)	57	(751)	480	(1,785)	1,231		1,231	
	Interest expense on deposits	28.2	2	-	5	-	6	-		-	-
	Cash received from issuance of shares of stock	23.2	14,783	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
	Interest income from loans and receivables	28.1	17	-	16	-	21	-		-	-

	Notes	Parent Company					
		2018		2017		2016	
		Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance
Subsidiaries							
Loans and receivable	28.1	P 999	P 999	(P 222)	P -	P -	P 222
Deposit liabilities	28.2	(79)	364	(2,155)	443	553	2,598
Interest income from							
loans and receivable	28.1	7	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense on deposits	28.2	6	-	6	-	5	-
Dividend	12	-	-	315	-	232	-
Rental income	28.5(a)						
	28.5(b)	200	-	191	-	186	-
Occupancy and							
equipment-related expenses	28.5(a)	352	-	13	-	186	-
Service and processing fees	28.5(c)	531	49	499	54	460	29
Sale of investment securities	28.3	35	-	175	-	810	-
Purchase of investment							
securities	28.3	3	-	5	-	601	-
Assignment of receivables	11	(10)	182	(10)	192	(20)	202
Associates							
Deposit liabilities	28.2	(142)	23	(154)	165	(53)	11
Interest expense on deposits	28.2	6	-	3	-	5	-
Dividend	12	102	-	59	-	124	-
Related Parties Under Common Ownership							
Loans and receivables	28.1	(142)	3,128	3,270	3,270	(541)	-
Deposit liabilities	28.2	382	3,122	(2,584)	2,740	(2,124)	156
Interest income from							
loans and receivables	28.1	-	-	-	-	19	-
Interest expense on deposits	28.2	28	-	8	-	15	-
Occupancy and							
equipment-related expenses	28.5(a)	790	-	715	-	926	-
Miscellaneous expenses –							
others	25.2	78	-	67	-	52	-

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>					
		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
		<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
Key Management Personnel							
Loans and receivables	28.1	(P 24)	P -	P 23	P 24	(P 1)	P 1
Deposit liabilities	28.2	(197)	89	43	286	67	243
Interest income from							
loans and receivables	28.1	1	-	2	-	-	-
Interest expense on deposits	28.2	1	-	3	-	1	-
Salaries and employee benefits	28.5(d)	298	-	328	-	271	-
Other Related Interests							
Loans and receivables	28.1	(3,683)	3,153	2,295	6,836	2,855	4,541
Deposit liabilities	28.2	(1,564)	696	2,145	2,260	(361)	115
Interest income from							
loans and receivables	28.1	182	-	560	-	567	-
Interest expense on deposits	28.2	26	-	16	-	3	-

28.1 Loans and Receivables

The summary of the Group's and Parent Company's significant transactions and the related outstanding balances for loans and receivables with its related parties as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

<u>Related Party Category</u>	<u>Group</u>			
	<u>Issuances</u>	<u>Repayments</u>	<u>Interest Income</u>	<u>Loans Outstanding</u>
2018:				
Stockholders	P -	P 55	P 17	P 261
Related parties under common ownership	376	32	2	358
Key management personnel	9	207	1	13
Other related interests	<u>2,480</u>	<u>9,433</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>3,153</u>
	<u>P 2,865</u>	<u>P 9,727</u>	<u>P 202</u>	<u>P 3,785</u>
2017:				
Stockholders	P -	P 55	P 16	P 316
Related parties under common ownership	210	196	-	14
Key management personnel	691	481	2	211
Other related interests	<u>8,267</u>	<u>2,702</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>10,106</u>
	<u>P 9,168</u>	<u>P 3,434</u>	<u>P 578</u>	<u>P 10,647</u>
2016:				
Stockholders	P -	P 55	P 21	P 371
Related parties under common ownership	-	541	19	-
Key management personnel	1	2	-	1
Other related interests	<u>7,331</u>	<u>4,476</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>4,541</u>
	<u>P 7,332</u>	<u>P 5,074</u>	<u>P 607</u>	<u>P 4,913</u>
<u>Related Party Category</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>			
	<u>Issuances</u>	<u>Repayments</u>	<u>Interest Income</u>	<u>Loans Outstanding</u>
2018:				
Stockholders	P -	P 55	P 17	P 261
Subsidiaries	1,000	1	7	999
Related parties under common ownership	-	142	-	3,128
Key management personnel	-	24	1	-
Other related interests	<u>622</u>	<u>4,305</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>3,153</u>
	<u>P 1,622</u>	<u>P 4,527</u>	<u>P 207</u>	<u>P 7,541</u>

<u>Related Party Category</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>			
	<u>Issuances</u>	<u>Repayments</u>	<u>Interest Income</u>	<u>Loans Outstanding</u>
2017:				
Stockholders	P -	P 55	P 16	P 316
Subsidiaries	-	222	-	-
Related parties under common ownership	9,744	6,474	-	3,270
Key management personnel	490	467	2	24
Other related interests	<u>4,997</u>	<u>2,702</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>6,836</u>
	<u>P 15,231</u>	<u>P 9,920</u>	<u>P 578</u>	<u>P 10,446</u>
2016:				
Stockholders	P -	P 55	P 21	P 371
Subsidiaries	1,276	1,276	-	222
Related parties under common ownership	-	541	19	-
Key management personnel	1	2	-	1
Other related interests	<u>7,331</u>	<u>4,476</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>4,541</u>
	<u>P 8,608</u>	<u>P 6,350</u>	<u>P 607</u>	<u>P 5,135</u>

In the ordinary course of business, the Group has loan transactions with each other, their other affiliates, and with certain Directors, Officers, Stockholders and Related Interests (DOSRIs). Under existing policies of the Group, these loans are made substantially on the same terms as loans to other individuals and businesses of comparable risks.

Under the current BSP regulations, the amount of individual loans to a DOSRI, 70% of which must be secured, should not exceed the amount of the encumbered deposit and book value of the investment in the Group and Parent Company and/or any of its lending and nonbank financial subsidiaries. In the aggregate, loans to DOSRIs, generally, should not exceed the total equity or 15% of the total loan portfolio of the Group and Parent Company. However, non-risk loans are excluded in both individual and aggregate ceiling computation.

The following table shows the other information relating to the loans, other credit accommodations and guarantees granted to DOSRI as of December 31 in accordance with BSP reporting guidelines:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total outstanding				
DOSRI loans	P 500	P 542	P 469	P 509
Unsecured DOSRI	94	71	83	61
Past due DOSRI	-	1	-	1
Non-accruing DOSRI	2	1	2	1
Percent of DOSRI loans to total loan portfolio	0.13%	0.15%	0.16%	0.19%
Percent of unsecured DOSRI loans to total DOSRI loans	18.80%	13.10%	17.70%	11.98%
Percent of past due DOSRI loans to total DOSRI	0.00%	0.13%	0.01%	0.14%
Percent of non-accruing DOSRI loans to total DOSRI loans	0.40%	0.13%	0.51%	0.14%

**excludes exposure from a subsidiary*

On January 31, 2007, BSP issued Circular No. 560, *Ceiling on Loans, Other Credit Accommodations and Guarantees Granted to Subsidiaries and Affiliates*, which provides the rules and regulations that govern loans, other credit accommodations and guarantees granted to subsidiaries and affiliates of banks and quasi-banks. Under the said circular, the total outstanding exposures to each of the Parent Company's subsidiaries and affiliates shall not exceed 10% of bank's net worth, the unsecured portion of which shall not exceed 5% of such net worth. Further, the total outstanding exposures to subsidiaries and affiliates shall not exceed 20% of the net worth of the lending bank.

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Group and Parent Company is in compliance with these regulatory requirements.

As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Group recognized impairment loss on certain loans and receivables from DOSRI amounting to P0.2 and P0.06, respectively, and is recognized as part of Impairment Losses account in the statements of profit or loss.

28.2 Deposit Liabilities

The summary of the Group's and Parent Company's significant transactions and the related outstanding balances for deposit liabilities with its related parties as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 are as follows (see Note 17):

<u>Related Party Category</u>	<u>Group</u>			
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Interest Expense</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
2018:				
Stockholders	P 7,947	P 8,370	P 2	P 57
Associates	37,554	37,696	6	135
Related parties under common ownership	136,836	135,980	37	3,707
Key management personnel	539	731	1	94
Other related interests	<u>163,957</u>	<u>165,189</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>1,062</u>
	<u>P 346,833</u>	<u>P 347,966</u>	<u>P 72</u>	<u>P 5,055</u>
2017:				
Stockholders	P 25,106	P 25,857	P 5	P 480
Associates	32,335	32,069	3	277
Related parties under common ownership	14,007	11,312	9	2,851
Key management personnel	416	373	3	286
Other related interests	<u>213,907</u>	<u>211,728</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2,294</u>
	<u>P 285,771</u>	<u>P 281,339</u>	<u>P 36</u>	<u>P 6,188</u>
2016:				
Stockholders	P 36,518	P 38,303	P 6	P 1,231
Associates	35,592	35,645	5	11
Related parties under common ownership	1,287,730	1,289,854	16	156
Key management personnel	4,365	4,298	1	243
Other related interests	<u>1,036,115</u>	<u>1,036,476</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>115</u>
	<u>P 2,400,320</u>	<u>P 2,404,576</u>	<u>P 31</u>	<u>P 1,756</u>

<u>Related Party Category</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>			
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Interest Expense</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
2018:				
Stockholders	P 7,947	P 8,370	P 2	P 57
Subsidiaries	91,950	92,029	6	364
Associates	37,554	37,696	6	23
Related parties under common ownership	136,276	135,894	28	3,122
Key management personnel	535	732	1	89
Other related interests	<u>163,957</u>	<u>165,521</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>696</u>
	<u>P 438,219</u>	<u>P 440,242</u>	<u>P 69</u>	<u>P 4,351</u>
2017:				
Stockholders	P 25,106	P 25,857	P 5	P 480
Subsidiaries	100,523	102,678	6	443
Associates	32,223	32,069	3	165
Related parties under common ownership	9,058	6,474	8	2,740
Key management personnel	416	373	3	286
Other related interests	<u>136,192</u>	<u>134,047</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2,260</u>
	<u>P 303,518</u>	<u>P 301,498</u>	<u>P 41</u>	<u>P 6,374</u>
2016:				
Stockholders	P 36,518	P 38,303	P 6	P 1,231
Subsidiaries	974,281	973,728	5	2,598
Associates	35,592	35,645	9	11
Related parties under common ownership	1,287,730	1,289,854	15	156
Key management personnel	4,365	4,298	1	243
Other related interests	<u>1,036,115</u>	<u>1,036,476</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>115</u>
	<u>P 3,374,601</u>	<u>P 3,378,304</u>	<u>P 39</u>	<u>P 4,354</u>

Deposit liabilities transactions with related parties have similar terms with other counterparties.

28.3 Sale and Purchase of Securities

The Parent Company's and certain subsidiaries engage in the trading of investment securities as counterparties to the transaction. These transactions are priced similar to transactions with other counterparties outside the Group and there are no unsettled transactions as of the end of each reporting period.

28.4 Retirement Fund

The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries' retirement funds covered under their defined benefit post-employment plan maintained for qualified employees are administered and managed by the Parent Company's and RSB's Trust Departments in accordance with the respective trust agreements covering the plan.

The retirement funds have transactions with the Group and Parent Company as of December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 as follows:

<u>Nature of Transactions</u>	<u>Group</u>		<u>Parent Company</u>	
	<u>Net Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Net Amount of Transaction</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
2018:				
Investment in common shares of Parent Company	(P 855)	P 1,867	(P 853)	P 1,863
Investments in corporate debt securities	49	51	49	49
Deposits with the Parent Company	(312)	5	(311)	-
Fair value losses	(855)	-	(849)	-
Interest income	5	-	3	-
2017:				
Investment in common shares of Parent Company	(P 6)	P 3,123	(P 6)	P 3,123
Investments in corporate debt securities	(49)	2	(49)	-
Deposits with the Parent Company	245	317	239	311
Fair value gains	1,272	-	1,266	-
Interest income	5	-	4	-
2016:				
Investment in common shares of Parent Company	P -	P 1,866	P -	P 1,863
Investments in corporate debt securities	(5)	51	-	49
Deposits with the Parent Company	75	72	72	72
Fair value gains	29	-	31	-
Interest income	4	-	3	-

The carrying amount and the composition of the plan assets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are disclosed in Note 24.2. Investments in corporate debt securities include long-term negotiable certificates of deposit issued by the Parent Company.

The information on the Group's and Parent Company's contributions to the retirement fund and benefit payments through the fund are disclosed in Note 24.2.

The retirement fund neither provides any guarantee or surety for any obligation of the Group nor its investments in its own shares of stock covered by any restriction and liens.

28.5 Other Related Party Transactions

(a) Lease Contracts with RRC and Sublease Agreement with Subsidiaries

The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries occupy several floors of RCBC Plaza as leaseholders of RRC [see Note 29.8(b)]. Rental expense incurred by the Group related to this lease arrangement is included as part of Occupancy and Equipment-related expenses account in the statements of profit or loss. The Parent Company's lease contract with RRC is effective until December 31, 2020.

The Parent Company entered into sublease agreements with certain subsidiaries which occupy several floors of RCBC Plaza. Rental income by Parent Company related to these sublease arrangements is included as part of Rentals under the Miscellaneous income account in the statements of profit or loss (see Notes 14.2). The outstanding receivable on the lease contracts, if any, is presented as part of Accounts receivable under Loans and Receivables account in the statements of financial position (see Note 11). The related outstanding receivable is unsecured, noninterest-bearing and payable in cash on demand. Management believes that the receivables on the sublease agreements are fully recoverable.

(b) Lease Contract on RSB Corporate Center

In October 2013, the Parent Company and RSB entered into a lease agreement covering certain office and parking spaces of RSB Corporate Center at a monthly rental fee of P7. The monthly rental payments are subject to an escalation rate of 5% annually effective in 2014 up to the 5th year of the lease term. The initial lease is for a period of five years which ended in October 2018 and was renewed in September 2018 for an extended period. The outstanding receivable on the lease contract is presented as part of Accounts receivable under Loans and Receivables account in the statements of financial position (see Note 11). The related outstanding receivable is unsecured, noninterest-bearing and payable in cash on demand. Management believes that receivable from the lease contract is fully recoverable.

(c) Service Agreement with RBSC

The Parent Company has Service Agreement (the Agreement) with RBSC, wherein RBSC shall provide the Parent Company with marketing, distribution, technical, collection and selling assistance and processing services in connection with the operation of the Parent Company's credit card business. The total service processing fees incurred by the Parent Company is recognized as part of the Service and processing fees under the Miscellaneous Expenses account in the statements of profit or loss (see Note 25.2). The outstanding payable related to the service agreement is presented as part of Accounts payable under Other Liabilities account in the statements of financial position (see Note 22). The related outstanding payable is unsecured, noninterest-bearing and payable in cash on demand.

(d) Key Management Personnel Compensation

The breakdown of key management personnel compensation follows:

	Group		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Short-term employee benefits	P 619	P 442	P 361
Post-employment defined benefits	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>P 637</u>	<u>P 458</u>	<u>P 376</u>

	Parent Company		
	2018	2017	2016
Short-term employee benefits	P 298	P 328	P 271
Post-employment defined benefits	-	-	-
	<u>P 298</u>	<u>P 328</u>	<u>P 271</u>

29. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of operations of the Group, there are various outstanding commitments and contingent liabilities such as guarantees, commitments to extend credit, tax assessments, claims from customers and third parties, etc., with amounts not reflected in the financial statements. Management does not anticipate losses from these transactions that will adversely affect the Group's operations.

In the opinion of management, the suits and claims arising from the normal course of operations of the Group that remain unsettled, if decided adversely, will not involve sums that would have material effect on the Group's financial position or operating results.

29.1 Contingent Accounts, Guarantees and Other Commitments

The following is a summary of contingencies and commitments arising from transactions not given recognition in the statement of financial position, expressed at their equivalent peso contractual amounts as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Trust department accounts	P 87,639	P 91,585	P 58,061	P 64,395
Derivative assets	57,253	46,230	57,253	46,230
Derivative liabilities	53,261	41,822	53,261	41,822
Outstanding guarantees issued	49,553	41,858	49,553	41,858
Unused commercial letters of credit	19,231	17,055	19,194	17,055
Spot exchange sold	6,436	6,307	6,331	6,198
Spot exchange bought	6,330	6,204	6,330	6,204
Inward bills for collection	1,009	1,407	1,009	1,407
Outward bills for collection	614	133	614	133
Late deposits/payments received	607	566	569	434
Others	17	17	17	17

29.2 Sale of National Steel Corporation (NSC) Plant Asset

In October 2008, Global Steel Philippines (SPV-AMC), Inc. (GSPI) and Global Ispat Holdings (SPV-AMC), Inc. (GIHI) (collectively, "Global Steel"), which purchased the Iligan Plant assets of the NSC ("NSC Plant Assets") from the Liquidator in 2004, initiated arbitral proceedings against the Liquidator and the Secured Creditors, including the Parent Company and RCAP, with the Singapore International Arbitration Centre ("SIAC") for their failure to deliver the NSC Plant Assets free and clear from liens and encumbrances. This purportedly prevented Global Steel from using the same as collateral for additional loans for the operations and upgrade of the NSC Plant. On May 9, 2012, the SIAC Arbitral Tribunal rendered a Partial Award directing the Liquidator and Secured Creditors to pay Global Steel the total amount of (a) US\$80, as and by way of lost opportunity to make profit, and (b) P1,403, representing the value of the undelivered Billet Shop Land measuring 3.4071 hectares (the "Lost Land Claim").

On appeal, and on July 31, 2014, the Singapore High Court set aside the Partial Award, and (a) subsequently ordered the lifting of the 2008 injunctions issued against the Secured Creditors, thereby empowering the Secured Creditors to compel Global Steel to comply with their obligations under the Omnibus Agreement (OMNA)/Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) and take legal action upon Global Steel's failure to do so, and (b) directed the release of Global Steel's installment payment to the Secured Creditors, which enabled the Parent Company and RCAP to receive their respective share therein.

On March 31, 2015, the Singapore Court of Appeals affirmed the earlier decision of the Singapore High Court which set aside the monetary award of US\$80 and P1,403 in favor of Global Steel, and deemed improper the deferment of Global Steel's obligation to pay the purchase price of the NSC Plant Assets. The Singapore Court of Appeals further held that (a) the SIAC Arbitral Tribunal had no jurisdiction over the issue of lost opportunity to make profit, (b) there is no evidentiary support for such award, and (c) the ruling on the issue of the Lost Land Claim, as well as the dispute relating to Global Steel's payment obligation, both relate to the OMNA, which is not arbitrable. Accordingly, the SIAC Arbitral Tribunal cannot compel the Parent Company, RCAP and the other Secured Creditors to defer holding Global Steel in default. However, the Singapore Court of Appeals held that the NSC Liquidator and Secured Creditors are still required to deliver to Global Steel clean title to the NSC Plant Assets.

On November 27, 2015, the Singapore Court of Appeals clarified that the issue of Global Steel's lost opportunity to make profit cannot be remanded to the SIAC Arbitral Tribunal, or to a new arbitral tribunal, to be litigated anew after the setting aside of the Partial Award. The doctrines of res judicata and abuse of process also operated to preclude the reopening of this issue. However, the Singapore Court of Appeals held that the Lost Land Claim may be brought before a new arbitral tribunal. The Singapore Court of Appeals likewise awarded litigation costs to the Liquidator but none to the Secured Creditors.

The Parent Company's estimated exposure is approximately P216 in terms of estimated property taxes and transfer costs due on the NSC Plant Assets, while it has a receivable from Global Steel in the amount of P486, taking into consideration the P49 share it received from Global Steel's installment payment. The Parent Company has recognized full impairment loss on the receivable since then, with the gross amount of receivable classified as UDSC under Loans and Receivable account. The Parent Company's exposure, however, may be varied depending on whether the Iligan City's assessment of the post-closing taxes will be sustained as valid (including those imposed on non-operational machineries), now that all pre-closing taxes on the NSC assets sold to Global Steel, covering the period 1999 to October 14, 2004, are deemed paid, following the finality of the Supreme Court Decision against the City of Iligan and the issuance of an Entry of Judgment on March 16, 2016, in the case initiated solely by the NSC Liquidator.

In defiance, however, of the final and executory ruling against the City of Iligan, (a) issued a Notice of Delinquency against NSC for tax arrears covering the period 1999 to 2016, (b) levied the NSC properties, and (c) set the public auction thereof on October 19, 2016, even as the Local Government Unit (LGU) received the October 18, 2016 Writ of Execution issued by the Regional Trial Court of Makati City, Branch 57 ("Makati Trial Court"), directing it to (a) comply with the affirmed Tax Amnesty Agreement dated October 13, 2004, and (b) afford NSC relief from the payment of interests and penalties. On November 3, 2016, the Iligan City police took possession of the NSC Plant compound. On November 4, 2016, the NSC, through the Liquidator, filed an Omnibus Motion to (a) direct the City of Iligan, the Sangguniang Panglunsod and City Treasurer to show cause why they should not be held in contempt, and (b) nullify the October 19, 2016 Auction Sale of the NSC properties.

In an Order dated April 4, 2017, the Makati Trial Court (a) nullified the public auction of the NSC properties, and (b) enjoined the collection of any and all real property tax against the NSC until the Decision dated October 7, 2011 holding that the NSC pre-closing taxes have been paid, is fully executed and the NSC's remaining tax liabilities are correctly computed. The Makati Trial Court likewise (a) directed the Iligan City Treasurer to show cause why she should not be held in contempt of court for proceeding with the auction sale without clearing the NSC of the pre-closing taxes, and (b) directed the Iligan City Treasurer, among others, to inform the Makati Trial Court of the names of the persons who ordered, aided and abetted her assailed conduct. The LGU and the Iligan City Treasurer, among others, moved for the reconsideration of the April 4, 2017 Order, which was denied by the Makati Trial Court.

The City of Iligan filed a Petition for Certiorari dated July 6, 2018 with the Court of Appeals, reiterating the claim that the said LGU had the right to auction the NSC properties due to non-payment of both pre-closing and post-closing taxes. The Petition likewise alleged that (a) the writ of execution issued by the Makati Trial Court was null and void, and (b) the case before the Makati Trial Court was an action to assail the tax delinquency auction sale which should not have been given due course for non-payment of docket fees and non-deposit of the contested tax amount of P4,610.

29.3 Verotel Merchant Services B.V. Case

In 2011, Verotel Merchant Services B.V. ("VMS"), a Netherlands corporation and an Internet merchant providing on-line adult entertainment, on-line gambling, and on-line selling of pharmaceuticals, and Verotel International Industries, Inc. ("VII"), a Philippine corporation, civilly sued the Parent Company, Bankard, Inc. ("Bankard"), Grupo Mercarse Corp., CNP Worldwide, Inc. and several individuals before the Los Angeles Superior Court for various causes of action including fraud, breach of contract and accounting, claiming that VII and its alleged parent company, VMS, failed to receive the total amount of US\$1.5, which the defendants allegedly misappropriated.

The case went to trial in January 2016, where the issues on prescription, VII's lack of capacity to sue and VMS's lack of standing to sue were reserved for the Presiding Judge's disposition. On January 27, 2016, the jury rendered a verdict solely in favor of VMS. After manifesting their intention to file a motion for judgment notwithstanding verdict ("JNOV") and motion for new trial, the Parent Company/Bankard filed the same on April 11, 2016. On April 27, 2016, the Parent Company/Bankard likewise timely filed their Reply to the Oppositions filed by VII/VMS.

On May 12, 2016, the Parent Company/Bankard's Motion for JNOV was partially granted, wherein the award of US\$7.5 punitive damages to VMS was deleted due to insufficient proof that (a) a corporate officer of the Parent Company/Bankard knew of, authorized, or ratified fraudulent acts, and (b) Janet Conway was a managing agent of the Parent Company/Bankard within the meaning of the California Civil Code Section 3294(b). However, the Presiding Judge ruled that Conway was an agent for some purpose and awarded US\$1.5 to VMS. The Presiding Judge likewise denied the Parent Company/Bankard's Motion for New Trial, and awarded VMS pre-judgment interest in the amount of US\$0.5.

On July 11, 2016, the Parent Company/Bankard filed their Notice of Appeal on the partial denial of their Motion for JNOV with the California Court of Appeals. VMS filed its own Notice of Appeal. On July 21, 2016, the Parent Company/Bankard timely posted the amount of US\$3.1, as and by way of security to stay the enforcement of the Amended Judgment rendered by the Presiding Judge.

On September 8, 2016, VMS filed its unsealed Certificate of Interested Persons, after the California Court of Appeals sustained the Parent Company/Bankard's position that the identities of the persons behind VMS is central to the issue of whether VMS has legal standing to sue and is entitled to any damages. In an Order dated/filed on November 16, 2016, the California Court of Appeals adopted the briefing sequence proposed by the Parent Company/ Bankard, thus, allowing the full ventilation of the case on appeal.

Subsequently, on March 7, 2017, the Presiding Judge directed the Parent Company/Bankard to pay VMS the additional amount of US\$0.08 covering cost of proof sanctions, ruling that the Parent Company/Bankard unjustifiably denied VMS's request for admission that they failed to comply with MasterCard and VISA association rules. The Parent Company/Bankard timely filed their Notice of Appeal but no longer posted any additional filing fees, following VMS's agreement not seek to enforce of the said award during the pendency of the appeal.

The Parent Company/Bankard filed their Revised Opening Brief on their Appeal on October 2, 2017, pointing out that: (a) VMS failed to prove that its losses was caused by the Parent Company/Bankard, as the evidence indicate that, in a side deal without Bankard's knowledge and consent, VMS was processing transactions under/using the Merchant ID of another merchant which did not remit all of the sales proceeds so generated; (b) there is no contract/ processing relationship between VMS and Bankard; (c) there is no substantial evidence proving that the Parent Company/Bankard caused VMS's loss under agency law, given that (i) Conway could not be Bankard's agent as a matter of law, because she was defrauding Bankard, (ii) plaintiffs did not establish that Conway was an agent of Bankard, (iii) plaintiff did not establish that Conway was a purported agent of Bankard, and (iv) plaintiffs did not establish that Conway's wrongful conduct was within the scope of her agency; and, (d) the Presiding Judge abused his discretion in awarding cost of proof sanctions.

On March 28, 2018, the Parent Company/Bankard was advised of the filing of VMS's Combined Respondents' Brief and Cross-Appellants' Opening Brief. On August 14, 2018, the Parent Company/Bankard filed their combined Reply and Cross-Respondent's Brief. In accordance with prior stipulations, VMS timely filed its Final Reply Brief dated October 31, 2018. The parties are now awaiting the advice of the California Court of Appeals on the schedule date of the oral arguments.

29.4 Applicability of RR 4-2011

On March 15, 2011, the Bureau of Internal Revenue issued RR 4-2011, which prescribed that for income tax reporting purposes, banks and other financial institutions must (a) report costs and expenses either under RBU or FCDO/EFCDU or OBU if specifically identified as such; or (b) allocate such cost and expenses, which cannot be specifically identified, based on percentage share of gross income earnings of a unit. The BIR, however, issued assessment notices to the Parent Company, other banks and financial institutions for deficiency income tax for alleged non-intra-unit allocation of costs and expenses to exempt income and income subjected to final tax within RBU.

On April 6, 2015, the Parent Company and other member-banks of the Bankers Association of the Philippines (“other BAP member banks”) filed a Petition for Declaratory Relief with Application for TRO and/or Writ of Preliminary Injunction with the Regional Trial Court of Makati (“Makati Trial Court”), wherein it was pointed out, among others, that (a) RR 4-2011 violates the Parent Company and other BAP member banks’ procedural and substantive due process rights; (b) it serves as a deterrent to banks to invest in capital market transactions to the prejudice of the economy; (c) it sets a dangerous precedent for the disallowance of full deductions due to the prescribed method of allocation; and, (d) it violated the equal protection clause of the Constitution for requiring the Parent Company and other BAP member banks to adopt a method of allocation when other institutions and taxpayers were not being required to do so by the Department of Finance (“DOF”) and BIR.

On April 8, 2015, the Makati Trial Court issued a TRO enjoining the BIR from enforcing RR 4-2011. Also, on April 27, 2015, the Makati Trial Court issued a Writ of Preliminary Injunction enjoining the BIR from enforcing, carrying out, or implementing in any way or manner RR 04-2011 against the Parent Company and other BAP member banks, including the issuance of Preliminary Assessment Notice or Final Assessment Notice against them during the pendency of the litigation, unless sooner dissolved.

On June 10, 2015, the Makati Trial Court issued a Confirmatory Order stating that the TRO and Writ of Preliminary Injunction also prohibits the BIR from ruling or deciding on any administrative matter pending before it in relation to the subject revenue regulations and insofar as the Parent Company and other BAP member banks are concerned. The pre-trial conference of the case began on August 2, 2016 and continued until August 3, 2017. During the hearing on August 3, 2017, in lieu of trial for the resolution of the case, the Makati Trial Court directed the parties to file their respective Memorandum on September 15, 2017, which has been complied with. In an Order dated May 25, 2018, the Makati Trial Court granted the Petition for Declaratory Relief and declared RR 4-2011 null and void for being issued beyond the authority of the Secretary of Finance and Commissioner of the BIR. The Makati Trial Court likewise made permanent the Writ of Preliminary Injunction it issued earlier.

The DOF and the BIR elevated the matter to the Supreme Court via a Petition for Review on Certiorari dated August 1, 2018, alleging that (a) the petitions assailing the validity of RR 4-2011 should have been brought before the Court of Tax Appeal and not the Makati Trial Court, (b) upon the issuance of RR 4-2011, the Parent Company and other BAP member banks should have already adjusted their accounting and book keeping methods, (c) the declaratory relief action was no longer proper in view of the issuance of Preliminary Assessment Notices, and (d) RR 4-2011 is a valid regulatory issuance of the DOF and BIR.

29.5 Poverty Eradication and Alleviation Certificates Bonds

In October 2011, after filing a case before the Court of Tax Appeals, the Parent Company withdrew the same and joined other banks in questioning the BIR’s act of withholding a 20% final tax on the PEACe Bonds before the Supreme Court. Notwithstanding the pendency of the case and the Supreme Court’s issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order (“TRO”), on October 18, 2011, the Bureau of Treasury still withheld P199 from its interest payment on the Parent Company’s PEACe bonds holdings. The amount was originally recognized as part of Accounts Receivables under Loans and Receivables account in the statements of financial position until it was settled in 2017.

On January 13, 2015, the Supreme Court nullified the 2011 BIR Rulings classifying all bonds as deposit substitutes and ordered the Bureau of Treasury to return the 20% final withholding tax it withheld on the PEACe Bonds in October 2011. On March 16, 2015, the Parent Company and RCAP filed a Motion for Clarification and/or Partial Reconsideration, (a) seeking the exclusion of the PEACe Bonds from the definition of “deposit substitutes” as there was only one lender at the primary market, and their subsequent sales in the secondary market is considered a sale or assignment of credit not subject to withholding tax; (b) praying that, in the event the PEACe Bonds is considered as a deposit substitute, that the final withholding tax be directly collected from RCAP/Code NGO, or any lender or investor, as withholding agents; and (c) reiterating that the tax constitutes double taxation, violates the non-impairment clause of the Constitution, and is a breach of the Bureau of Treasury’s obligation as issuer of the PEACe Bonds. The Office of the Solicitor General (“OSG”), as counsel for the Republic and other public respondents, also filed a Motion for Reconsideration and Clarification, arguing the correctness of the BIR’s position and asking for clarification on the effect of the ruling on other government securities.

In a Resolution dated October 5, 2016, the Supreme Court partially granted the Parent Company and RCAP’s Motion for Clarification and/or Partial Reconsideration, stating that (a) to determine whether the securities newly issued and sold by the Bureau of Treasury should be treated as “deposit substitutes”, the phrase “at any one time” in relation to “20 or more lenders” should be reckoned at the time of their original issuance, (b) this ruling, however, cannot be applied retroactively in the case of the Parent Company and RCAP, which relied in good faith on the previous rulings/opinions of the BIR on the matter, and (c) as such, the PEACe Bonds cannot be treated as a deposit substitute. The Supreme Court likewise denied the Motion for Reconsideration and Clarification filed by the OSG, holding that due to the Bureau of Treasury’s continued refusal to release the amount it withheld on October 18, 2011, in violation of the TRO, the Bureau of Treasury is liable to pay legal interest of six percent (6%) per annum on the said amount, counted from October 19, 2011 until fully paid.

On April 11, 2017, the Parent Company received a copy of the Entry of Judgment attesting to the finality of the Decision dated January 13, 2015, and the Resolution dated August 16, 2016 granting its Motion for Clarification and/or Partial Reconsideration, as of October 20, 2016. After initially paying the amount of P197 to the Parent Company, the Bureau of Treasury paid the balance of P1.8 on October 18, 2018.

29.6 Alleged Unauthorized Transfer of Funds – Bank of Bangladesh

In February 2016, an alleged unauthorized transfer of funds from the Bank of Bangladesh to four accounts in the Parent Company occurred, which were eventually transferred to various accounts outside of the Parent Company. In August 2016, the Monetary Board of the BSP imposed supervisory action on the Parent Company and directed it to pay the fine of P1,000. The Parent Company has fully recognized in the 2016 statement of profit or loss the P1,000 supervisory action as part of Miscellaneous Expenses under Other Operating Expenses account (see Note 25.2), and has fully paid the same. The Parent Company does not expect this imposition of supervisory action to affect its ability to perform its existing obligations or unduly hamper its operations.

On November 2018, the Anti-Money Laundering Council (“AMLC”) filed a criminal complaint against former and current officers and employees of the Parent Company with the Department of Justice (“DOJ”). The AMLC alleged that Raul Victor B. Tan (“Tan”), Ismael S. Reyes (“Reyes”), Brigitte R. Capiña (“Capiña”), Nestor O. Pineda (“Pineda”), Romualdo S. Agarrado (“Agarrado”) and Angela Ruth S. Torres (“Torres”) violated Section 4(f) of R.A. No. 9160, as amended (“AMLA”), when they performed or failed to perform an act, which facilitated the crime of money laundering particularly the remittance and eventual withdrawal of US\$81 from certain accounts maintain in the Parent Company.

On March 27, 2017, Tan, Reyes, Capiña, and Agarrado, filed their Joint Counter-Affidavit contesting, among others, their culpability and the existence of several required elements to the charges alleged by the AMLC. On May 18, 2017, the AMLC filed its Consolidated and Joint Reply Affidavit. On July 10, 2017, Tan, Reyes, Capiña and Agarrado filed their respective Individual Rejoinder Affidavits. In a Resolution dated February 5, 2018, the newly assigned DOJ investigating prosecutor found probable cause against Tan, et al., and recommended the filing of the corresponding Information against them. On March 22, 2018, Tan, Reyes, Capiña, and Agarrado timely filed their Motion for Reconsideration on the aforementioned DOJ Resolution.

In a belatedly filed Consolidated Opposition dated June 21, 2018, the AMLC insisted that the Philippine courts have adopted the US “Willful Blindness” doctrine, and that the contents of the MT103 message should have made Tan, Reyes and Capiña suspicious of the remittances in issue. In their Reply dated August 7, 2018, Tan, Reyes and Capiña pointed out, among others, that (a) the AMLC’s position is a departure from its earlier claim that they ought to be charged for failing to read the same MT103 message, and (b) only final decisions of the Supreme Court become judicial precedents, and that the cited tax evasion decision of the Court of Tax Appeals cannot be accorded the same status. Agarrado, for his part, reiterated that it was Torres and Maia S. Deguito (“Deguito”) who approved the large transaction withdrawals on February 9, 2016.

On March 8, 2016, William S. Go (“Go”), an existing client of the Parent Company in another Business Center, and the Parent Company, filed criminal charges against Deguito and Torres with the Office of the City Prosecutor of the Makati City (“OCP-Makati”). The criminal complaints alleged that the two former employees of the Parent Company (a) falsified bank documents in order to open fictitious US Dollar and Peso denominated accounts in the name of Go DBA Centurytex Trading, which were used in the transfer/ conversion of US\$81 allegedly unlawfully debited from the Bank of Bangladesh’s account with the New York Federal Bank, and (b) Torres committed perjury when she executed an affidavit identifying Go as the person who allegedly received the P20 withdrawn from his fictitious Peso account on February 5, 2016.

The OCP-Makati found probable cause to charge Deguito with several counts of falsification, now pending before the Metropolitan Trial Court of Makati City, Branch 63 (“Makati MTC”). On the other hand, the OCP-Makati dismissed the charges of falsification against Torres, but found probable cause to charge her for perjury, which is also pending in the Makati MTC. The Parent Company appealed the dismissal of the falsification charge against Torres, as with the dismissal of its criminal complaint against another former employee of the Parent Company who conspired with Deguito and Torres.

On October 22, 2018, as a result of the untimely death of Go, the Prosecution applied for a subpoena for the video recordings and the Transcript of Stenographic Notes of Go's testimony before the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee, showing Go's denial that he had anything to do with the February 5, 2016 transactions at the Jupiter Business Center of the Parent Company.

29.7 RCBC Securities Case

In December 2011, RSI initiated the filing of a criminal case for falsification against its former agent, Mary Grace V. Valbuena ("Valbuena"), who carried out certain questionable transactions with her own personal clients. Since then, RSI has filed additional criminal and civil cases against Valbuena, and on November 17, 2016, the Makati MTC, Branch 66, convicted Valbuena of the crime of BP 22. Valbuena proposed to pay RSEC P30, payable in five years, in settlement of all the claims against her, which RSI refused. Valbuena's appeal is now submitted for resolution, without prejudice to any settlement between the parties.

In May 2012, the Capital Markets Integrity Corporation ("CMIC") conducted an investigation on the complaint filed by Francisco Ken Cortes ("Cortes") against RSEC. On July 3, 2015, the CMIC issued a Resolution dismissing the said complaint. After the denial of his Motion for Reconsideration, Cortes no longer appealed the same to the SEC en banc. Thus, the dismissal of his complaint became final and executory.

In September 2014, Carlos S. Palanca IV ("Palanca") and Cognatio Holdings, Inc. ("Cognatio") likewise filed a complaint against RSI with the CMIC, even as Cognatio's earlier complaint dated December 30, 2013 against RSI, its former Vice President for Operations/Chief Finance Officer, its former Compliance Officer and Valbuena, remained pending with the Enforcement and Investor Protection Department of the SEC ("EIPD-SEC") ("SEC Cognatio Case").

In its decision letter dated December 4, 2014, the CMIC dismissed the complaint filed by Palanca and Cognatio on the ground of prescription and res judicata, which the latter appealed to the SEC en banc. The SEC en banc granted Palanca and Cognatio's appeal. In turn, RSI elevated the said decision to the Court of Appeals, which (a) ruled in its favor, holding that Palanca and Cognatio committed willful and deliberate forum shopping, and (b) denied Palanca and Cognatio's Motion Reconsideration in its Resolution dated September 5, 2018. On September 26, 2018, Palanca and Cognatio signified their intention to challenge the decision and resolution of the Court of Appeals before the Supreme Court via a Petition for Review to be filed on or before October 11, 2018.

Citing the decision of the Court of Appeals finding Palanca and Cognatio guilty of willful and deliberate forum-shopping, RSI and its former Vice President for Operations/Chief Finance Officer filed a Manifestation with Motion to Dismiss the SEC Cognatio Case, which remains pending with the EIPD-SEC.

On February 22, 2013, Stephen Y. Ku ("Ku") filed a complaint against RSEC with the Makati Trial Court, Branch 149, principally praying for the return of his shares of stock and cash payments which he supposedly turned over to Valbuena. RSI sought the dismissal of the complaint on the ground of lack of jurisdiction due to the non-payment of the correct filing fees and failure to state a case of action, which was denied by the Makati Trial Court. Aggrieved, RSI filed a Petition for Certiorari with the Court of Appeals, which ruled in favor of RSI in its Decision dated October 9, 2014.

Ku elevated the ruling of the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court via a Petition for Review, which was granted in the Decision dated October 17, 2018. The Supreme Court held that the Court of Appeals erred in dismissing the case, as Ku's immediate payment of the deficiency docket fees indicate a lack of intention to evade the payment of the correct filing fees. RSI filed its Motion for Reconsideration on November 28, 2018. Having been apprised of the Decision of the Supreme Court, the Makati Trial Court issued an Order dated November 26, 2018, setting a status conference case on December 14, 2018.

Except for the above-mentioned proceedings, the Parent Company is not aware of any suits and claims by or against it or its subsidiaries, which if decided adversely would have a material effect on its financial position or operating results.

29.8 Lease Commitments

(a) Parent Company as a Lessor

The Parent Company has entered into various lease contracts related to RSB Corporate Center, an investment property held for rental, with lease terms ranging from one to five years and with monthly rent depending on market price with 5% escalation rate every year. Total rent income earned from these leases amounted to P328, P297, and P280 in 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively, which are presented as part of Rental under the Miscellaneous Income account in the statements of profit or loss (see Note 25.1). A certain office and parking spaces in RSB Corporate Center are being lease out to RSB [see Note 28.5(b)].

The Parent Company's future minimum rental receivables under this non-cancellable operating lease arrangement are as follows:

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>
Within one year	P 573	P	375
After one year but not more than five years	<u>804</u>		<u>486</u>
	<u>P 1,377</u>	P	<u>861</u>

(b) Group as Lessee

The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries lease some of the premises occupied by their respective head offices [see Note 28.5(a)] and branches/business centers for lease periods from one to 25 years. The Group's rental expense related to these leases (included as part of Occupancy and Equipment-related expenses account in the statements of profit or loss) amounted to P1,187, P977, and P742 in 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. Most of the lease contracts contain renewal options, which give the Group the right to extend the lease on terms mutually agreed upon by the parties.

The future minimum rental payables under these non-cancellable operating leases are as follow:

	<u>Group</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>
2018:		
Within one year	P 1,007	P 727
After one year but not more than five years	3,025	2,236
More than five years	<u>323</u>	<u>259</u>
	<u>P 4,355</u>	<u>P 3,222</u>
2017:		
Within one year	P 811	P 673
After one year but not more than five years	2,640	2,375
More than five years	<u>335</u>	<u>291</u>
	<u>P 3,786</u>	<u>P 3,339</u>

30. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following shows the Group's profit and per share data used in the basic and diluted EPS computations for the three years presented:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Net profit	<u>P 4,320</u>	<u>P 4,308</u>	<u>P 3,868</u>
Weighted average number of outstanding common stocks	<u>1,646</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,400</u>
Basic and diluted EPS	<u>P 2.62</u>	<u>P 3.08</u>	<u>P 2.76</u>

The convertible preferred shares did not have a significant impact on the EPS for each of the periods presented. The Group and the Parent Company has no potential dilutive shares as of the end of each reporting period.

31. SELECTED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The following basic indicators and ratios measure the financial performance of the Group and Parent Company:

	Group		
	2018	2017	2016
Return on average equity			
$\frac{\text{Net profit}}{\text{Average total equity}}$	5.78%	6.72%	6.42%
Return on average resources			
$\frac{\text{Net profit}}{\text{Average total resources}}$	0.73%	0.82%	0.77%
Net interest margin			
$\frac{\text{Net interest income}}{\text{Average interest earning resources}}$	4.00%	4.25%	4.06%
Profit margin			
$\frac{\text{Net profit}}{\text{Revenues}}$	16.31%	17.15%	16.95%
Debt-to-equity ratio			
$\frac{\text{Total liabilities}}{\text{Total equity}}$	6.94	7.27	7.39
Resources-to-equity ratio			
$\frac{\text{Total resources}}{\text{Total equity}}$	7.94	8.27	8.39
Interest rate coverage			
$\frac{\text{Earnings before interest and taxes}}{\text{Interest expense}}$	1.50	1.73	1.50
	Parent Company		
	2018	2017	2016
Return on average equity			
$\frac{\text{Net profit}}{\text{Average total equity}}$	5.79%	6.74%	6.43%
Return on average resources			
$\frac{\text{Net profit}}{\text{Average total resources}}$	0.90%	1.02%	0.93%
Net interest margin			
$\frac{\text{Net interest income}}{\text{Average interest earning resources}}$	3.80%	3.85%	3.47%
Profit margin			
$\frac{\text{Net profit}}{\text{Revenues}}$	20.88%	22.34%	22.67%

	<u>Parent Company</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Debt-to-equity ratio			
<u>Total liabilities</u>	5.30	5.60	5.73
Total equity			
Resources-to-equity ratio			
<u>Total resources</u>	6.30	6.60	6.73
Total equity			
Interest rate coverage			
<u>Earnings before interest and taxes</u>	1.68	1.95	1.60
Interest expense			

32. RECONCILIATION OF LIABILITIES ARISING FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Presented below is the reconciliation of the Group's and Parent Company's liabilities arising from financing activities, which includes both cash and non-cash changes.

	<u>Bills Payable</u> <u>(see Note 18)</u>		<u>Bonds Payable</u> <u>(see Note 19)</u>		<u>Total</u> <u>Financing Activities</u>	
	<u>Group</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Parent</u>
Balance at January 1, 2018	P 43,967	P 36,600	P 28,060	P 28,060	P 72,027	P 64,660
Cash flow from financing activities:						
Availments	44,522	42,769	23,520	23,520	68,042	66,289
Payments/redemption	(32,790)	(30,912)	-	-	(32,790)	(30,912)
Non-cash financing activities:						
Foreign exchange losses	302	302	1,489	1,489	1,791	1,791
Amortization of premium	-	-	21	21	21	21
Balance at December 31, 2018	<u>P 56,001</u>	<u>P 48,759</u>	<u>P 53,090</u>	<u>P 53,090</u>	<u>P 109,091</u>	<u>P 101,849</u>
Balance at January 1, 2017	P 37,643	P 31,712	P 41,595	P 41,595	P 79,238	P 73,307
Cash flow from financing activities:						
Availments	20,561	15,477	-	-	20,561	15,477
Payments/redemption	(14,472)	(10,788)	(13,687)	(13,687)	(28,159)	(24,475)
Non-cash financing activities:						
Foreign exchange losses	235	199	118	118	353	317
Amortization of premium	-	-	34	34	34	34
Balance at December 31, 2017	<u>P 43,967</u>	<u>P 36,600</u>	<u>P 28,060</u>	<u>P 28,060</u>	<u>P 72,027</u>	<u>P 64,660</u>

33. EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

In January 2019, a certain borrower of the Parent Bank has filed in court for a corporate rehabilitation involving a proposed restructuring of the borrower's outstanding loans as of December 31, 2018. The proposed loan restructuring stipulates a three-year grace period of both loan principal and interest with a commitment to pay the restructured loan on a monthly basis commencing on January 2022.

Report of Independent Auditors to Accompany the Securities and Exchange Commission Schedules File Separately from the Basic Financial Statements

The Board of Directors and the Stockholders
Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation
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We have audited, in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing, the consolidated financial statements of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and subsidiaries (the Group) for the year ended December 31, 2018, on which we have rendered our report dated February 26, 2019. Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The applicable supplementary information (see SEC Supplementary Schedules) is presented for purposes of additional analysis in compliance with the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code Rule 68, as amended, and is not a required part of the basic consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of the Group's management. The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

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February 26, 2019

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Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and Subsidiaries
Annex 68-E
Schedule A
Financial Assets

<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Number of shares or principal amount of bonds or notes</i>	<i>Amount shown on the balance sheet</i>	<i>Valued based on the market quotation at balance sheet date</i>	<i>Income received and accrued</i>
<i>Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss</i>				
Government securities	P 3,463,142,824	P 3,511,304,181	P 3,511,304,181	P 190,403,661
Corporate debt securities	1,671,367,127	1,659,721,782	1,659,721,782	77,674,663
Equity securities	879,887,411	674,766,526	674,766,526	-
Derivative financial assets	1,779,758,827	<u>1,723,992,735</u>	<u>1,723,992,735</u>	<u>55,615,253</u>
		<u>7,569,785,224</u>	<u>7,569,785,224</u>	<u>323,693,577</u>
<i>Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income</i>				
Quoted equity securities	112,680,017 shares	2,471,524,347	2,471,524,347	47,879,005
Unquoted equity securities	378,970,711 shares	3,989,267,712	3,989,267,712	-
Government securities		15,138,061,427	15,138,061,427	106,007,190
Corporate debt securities		<u>388,614,791</u>	<u>388,614,791</u>	<u>29,621,951</u>
		<u>21,987,468,277</u>	<u>21,987,468,277</u>	<u>183,508,146</u>
<i>Investment Securities at Amortized Cost</i>				
Government securities	66,083,739,213	66,083,739,213	66,291,930,858	2,003,282,451
Corporate debt securities	22,808,110,550	<u>22,808,110,550</u>	<u>20,584,069,228</u>	<u>891,826,645</u>
		<u>88,891,849,763</u>	<u>86,876,000,086</u>	<u>2,895,109,095</u>
		<u>P 118,449,103,265</u>	<u>P 116,433,253,588</u>	<u>P 3,402,310,818</u>

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Schedule B
DOSRI and Receivable from Principal Stockholders (Other than Related Parties)

Name and Designation of debtor	Balance at beginning of period	Additions	Amounts collected	Amounts written off	Current	Not Current	Balance at end of period
Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation							
Loans Receivable							
Pan Malayan Management and Investment Corp.	p 316,250,000	p -	p 55,000,000	p -		<i>Not applicable</i>	p 261,250,000
Credit Card Receivables							
Bankard (Officers)	453,244	154,350	-	-		<i>Not applicable</i>	607,594
RCBC Savings Bank							
Loans Receivable							
Employee loans	52,675,347	858,992	-	-		<i>Not applicable</i>	53,534,340
RCBC Capital Corporation							
Loans Receivable							
Employee Loans	1,776,909	-	103,004	-		<i>Not applicable</i>	1,673,905
RCBC Leasing and Finance Corp.							
Loans Receivable							
Employee Loans	451,372	-	153,227	-		<i>Not applicable</i>	298,145
RCBC Bankard Services Corporation							
Loans Receivable							
Employee Loans	6,379,102.00	-	406,730	-		<i>Not applicable</i>	5,972,372.00

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Schedule C
DOSRI Eliminated During the Consolidation of Financial Statements

Name and Designation of debtor	Balance at beginning of period	Additions	Deductions		Classification		Balance at end of period
			Amounts collected	Amounts written off	Current	Not Current	
RCBC Savings Bank							
Due from other banks - RCBC	1,074,903,160	-	40,905,204	-	<i>Not applicable</i>		1,033,997,955
Merchants Savings and Loan Association, Inc.							
Due from other banks - RCBC	-	51,524,981	-	-	<i>Not applicable</i>		51,524,981
RCBC Capital Corporation							
Due from other banks - RCBC	641,074,709	-	556,484,424	-	<i>Not applicable</i>		84,590,285
RCBC Leasing and Finance Corp.							
Due from other banks - RCBC	354,140,873	208,365,652	-	-	<i>Not applicable</i>		562,506,525
RCBC International Finance, Ltd.							
Due from other banks - RCBC	27,292,787	920,118	-	-	<i>Not applicable</i>		28,212,906
RCBC Forex Brokers Corp.							
Due from other banks - RCBC	166,878,895	16,262,026	-	-	<i>Not applicable</i>		183,140,921
RCBC- JPL Holding Company							
Due from other banks - RCBC	-	33,307,844	-	-	<i>Not applicable</i>		33,307,844
Niyog Property Holdings, Inc.							
Due from other banks - RCBC	-	113,130,583	-	-	<i>Not applicable</i>		113,130,583

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Schedule D
Intangible Assets - Other Assets

Description	Beginning Balance	Additions at cost	Deductions			Ending Balance
			Charged to cost and expenses	Charged to other accounts	Other changes additions (deductions)	
Goodwill	P 425,985,979*	P -	P -	P -	P -	P 425,985,979*
Branch licenses	1,000,000,000	-	-	-	-	1,000,000,000
Software	1,035,116,998.00	178,894,712	268,882,971	-	-	945,128,739
Trading rights	570,349	-	-	-	-	570,349

* Gross of allowance for impairment amounting to P158,330,910.

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Schedule E
Long Term Debt

Title of Issue and type of obligation	Amount authorized by indenture	Amount shown under caption "Current portion of long-term debt" in related balance sheet		Amount shown under caption "Long-Term Debt" in related balance sheet
Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation				
<u>P 2,860,260,000 Long Term Negotiable Certificate of Deposit</u>				
Interest Rate: 3.25% Fixed Rate				
Maturity Date: 5/14/2019				
Number of periodic installments: Not applicable	P 2,860,260,000	Not applicable	P	2,860,260,000
<u>P 2,139,740,000 Long Term Negotiable Certificate of Deposit</u>				
Interest Rate: 0%				
Maturity Date: 5/14/2019				
Number of periodic installments: Not applicable	P 2,139,740,000	Not applicable	P	2,112,307,147
<u>US\$ 243,000,000 Senior Notes</u>				
Interest Rate: 4.25% Fixed Rate				
Maturity Date: 1/22/2020				
Number of periodic installments: Not applicable	US\$ 243,000,000	Not applicable	P	12,704,387,841
<u>P 2,100,000,000 Long Term Negotiable Certificate of Deposit</u>				
Interest Rate: 4.13% Fixed Rate				
Maturity Date: 6/19/2020				
Number of periodic installments: Not applicable	P 2,100,000,000	Not applicable	P	2,100,000,000
<u>US\$ 320,000,000 Senior Notes</u>				
Interest Rate: 3.45% Fixed Rate				
Maturity Date: 2/2/2021				
Number of periodic installments: Not applicable	US\$ 320,000,000	Not applicable	P	16,826,414,145
<u>P 2,502,000,000 Long Term Negotiable Certificate of Deposit</u>				
Interest Rate: 3.75% Fixed Rate				
Maturity Date: 2/11/2023				
Number of periodic installments: Not applicable	P 2,502,000,000	Not applicable	P	2,502,000,000
<u>US\$ 450,000,000 Senior Note</u>				
Interest Rate: 4.13% Fixed Rate				
Maturity Date: 3/16/2023				
Number of periodic installments: Not applicable	US\$ 450,000,000	Not applicable	P	23,560,191,371
<u>P 3,580,000,000 Long Term Negotiable Certificate of Deposit</u>				
Interest Rate: 5.50% Fixed Rate				
Maturity Date: 3/28/2024				
Number of periodic installments: Not applicable	P 3,580,000,000	Not applicable	P	3,580,000,000
<u>P 10,000,000,000 Unsecured Subordinated Debt</u>				
Interest Rate: 5.375% Fixed Rate				
Maturity Date: 9/27/2024				
Number of periodic installments: Not applicable	P 10,000,000,000	Not applicable	P	9,986,096,474

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Schedule F
Indebtedness to Related Parties (Long-Term Loans from Related Companies)

Name of related party	Balance at beginning of period	Balance at end of period
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Not applicable

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Schedule G
Guarantees of Securities of Other Issuers

Name of issuing entity of securities guaranteed by the company for which this statement is filed	Title of issue of each class of securities guaranteed	Total amount guaranteed and outstanding	Amount owned by person for which statement is filed	Nature of guarantee
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Not applicable

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Schedule H
Capital Stock

Title of Issue	Number of shares authorized	Number of shares issued and outstanding as shown under related balance sheet caption	Number of shares reserved for options, warrants, conversion and other rights	Number of shares held by related parties	Number of shares held by directors, officers and employees
Preferred Shares ¹ <i>voting, non-cumulative, non-redeemable, participating convertible into common shares</i>	200,000,000	267,887	267,887	-	-
Common Shares ²	2,600,000,000	1,935,628,775	-	1,404,725,973	60,076,496

¹ On January 15, 2018, preferred shares amounting to P87,900 or 8,790 shares were converted to 1,998 common shares.

On May 3, 2018, preferred shares amounting to P1,680 or 168 shares were converted to 35 common shares.

² Between June 25 to June 29, 2018, the Parent Company conducted a stock rights offering (SRO) representing 535,710,378 common shares (with equivalent amount of P5,357,103,780). The shares were listed at the Philippine Stock Exchange on July 16, 2018. The SRO and issuance of shares resulted in the recognition of Capital in Excess of Par amounting to P9,425,524,215, net of P217,262,589 total issuance costs.

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION
Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue cor. Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
Parent Company Reconciliation of Retained Earnings Available for Dividend Declaration
December 31, 2018
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos)

Unappropriated Retained Earnings at Beginning of Year		P	27,924
Adjustments:			
Effects of adoption of PFRS 9, <i>Financial Instruments</i>	(P	4,179)	
Accumulated share in equity of subsidiaries and associates	(	9,544)	
Deferred tax assets	(	<u>942</u>)	(<u>14,665</u>)
 Unappropriated Retained Earnings at Beginning of Year Available for Dividend Declaration at Beginning of Year, As Adjusted			 <u>13,259</u>
 Net Profit Realized During the Year			
Net profit per audited financial statements			4,320
Non-actual/unrealized income			
Share in net earnings of subsidiaries and associates	(	1,299)	
Deferred tax income	(	<u>22</u>)	(<u>22</u>)
			 <u>2,999</u>
 Other Transactions During the Year			
Dividends declared	(P	863)	
Appropriation for general loan loss provision	(	319)	
Appropriation of retained earnings to trust reserves	(	<u>12</u>)	(<u>1,194</u>)
 Unappropriated Retained Earnings Available for Dividend Declaration at End of Year		P	 <u>15,064</u>

Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and Subsidiaries
Schedule of Recent Public Offerings

2013 - P5,000,000,000 Long Term Negotiable Certificates of Time Deposit (LTNCD)

Net Proceeds: P4,626,797,247.90 (Issue Price: 100.00% for P2,860,260,000 Fixed Rate LTNCDs and 82.5585% for P2,139,740,000 Zero Coupon LTNCDs)

Use of Proceeds: To expand the Bank's long-term deposit base and support long-term asset growth and for other general funding purposes.

2014 - P2,100,000,000 Long Term Negotiable Certificates of Time Deposit (LTNCD)

Gross Proceeds: P2,100,000,000 (Issue Price: 100.00%)

Use of Proceeds: To expand the Bank's long-term deposit base and support long-term asset growth and for other general funding purposes.

2014 - P10,000,000,000 Tier 2 Unsecured Subordinated Notes

Gross Proceeds: P10,000,000,000 (Issue Price: 100.00%)

Use of Proceeds: To strengthen the Bank's capital base and capital adequacy ratio (CAR) and support asset growth as well as expand the bank's long-term funding base

2015 - US\$ 243,000,000 Senior Note

Gross Proceeds: US\$243,000,000 (Issue Price: US\$ 200,000,000 @ 100.00% and US\$43,000,000 @ P102)

Related Expenses: US\$1,400,857

Use of Proceeds: To be used for general banking and re-lending purposes.

2015 - US\$ 320,000,000 Senior Note

Gross Proceeds: US\$320,000,000 (Issue Price: US\$ 320,000,000 @ 100.00%)

Related Expenses: US\$1,042,758

Use of Proceeds: To be used for general banking and re-lending purposes.

2017 - P2,502,000,000 Long Term Negotiable Certificate of Deposit

Gross Proceeds: P2,502,000,000 (Issue Price: P2,502,000,000 @ 100.00%)

Related Expenses: P15,703,828

Use of Proceeds: To be used for general funding purposes.

2018- P3,580,000,000 Long Term Negotiable Certificate of Deposit

Gross Proceeds: P3,580,000,000 (Issue Price: P3,580,000,000 @ 100.00%)

Related Expenses: P30,915,597.18

Use of Proceeds: To be used for general funding purposes.

2018 - US\$ 450,000,000 Senior Note

Gross Proceeds: US\$450,000,000 (Issue Price: US\$ 420,000,000 @ 100.00%)

Related Expenses: US\$885,914.99

Use of Proceeds: To be used for general banking and re-lending purposes.

2018 - P15,000,000,000 Stock Rights Offering (535,710,378 shares)

Gross Proceeds: P15,000,000,000 (Issue Price: P28 per share)

Related Expenses: P217,262,589

Use of Proceeds: To strengthen the Bank's capital ratio and fund its business expansion (i.e. loan growth).

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION
Schedule of Philippine Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations
Adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the
Financial Reporting Standards Council as of December 31, 2018

PHILIPPINE FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS		Adopted	Not Adopted	Not Applicable
Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements		✓		
Conceptual Framework Phase A: Objectives and Qualitative Characteristics		✓		
Practice Statement Management Commentary			✓	
<i>Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS)</i>				
PFRS 1 (Revised)	First-time Adoption of Philippine Financial Reporting Standards	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 1: Additional Exemptions for First-time Adopters	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 1: Limited Exemption from Comparative PFRS 7 Disclosures for First-time Adopters	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 1: Severe Hyperinflation and Removal of Fixed Date for First-time Adopters	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 1: Government Loans	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 1: Deletion of Short-term Exemptions	✓		
PFRS 2	Share-based Payment			✓
	Amendments to PFRS 2: Vesting Conditions and Cancellations			✓
	Amendments to PFRS 2: Group Cash-settled Share-based Payment Transactions			✓
	Amendments to PFRS 2: Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions			✓
PFRS 3 (Revised)	Business Combinations	✓		
	Amendment to PFRS 3: Remeasurement of Previously Held Interests in a Joint Operation (effective January 1, 2019)			✓
	Amendments to PFRS 3: Definition of a Business* (effective January 1, 2020)			✓
PFRS 4	Insurance Contracts			✓
	Amendments to PAS 39 and PFRS 4: Financial Guarantee Contracts			✓
	Amendments to PFRS 4: Applying PFRS 9, <i>Financial Instruments</i> , with PFRS 4, <i>Insurance Contracts</i>			✓
PFRS 5	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations	✓		
PFRS 6	Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources			✓
PFRS 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 7: Transition	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 39 and PFRS 7: Reclassification of Financial Assets	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 39 and PFRS 7: Reclassification of Financial Assets - Effective Date and Transition	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 7: Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 7: Disclosures – Transfers of Financial Assets	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 7: Disclosures – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 7: Mandatory Effective Date of PFRS 9 and Transition Disclosures	✓		
PFRS 8	Operating Segments	✓		
PFRS 9	Financial Instruments	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 9: Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation* (effective January 1, 2019)			✓
PFRS 10	Consolidated Financial Statements	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 10: Transition Guidance	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 10: Investment Entities	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 10: Investment Entities – Applying the Consolidation Exception	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 10: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture* (effective date deferred indefinitely)			✓
PFRS 11	Joint Arrangements	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 11: Transition Guidance	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 11: Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations	✓		
	Amendment to PFRS 11: Remeasurement of Previously Held Interests in a Joint Operation* (effective January 1, 2019)			✓

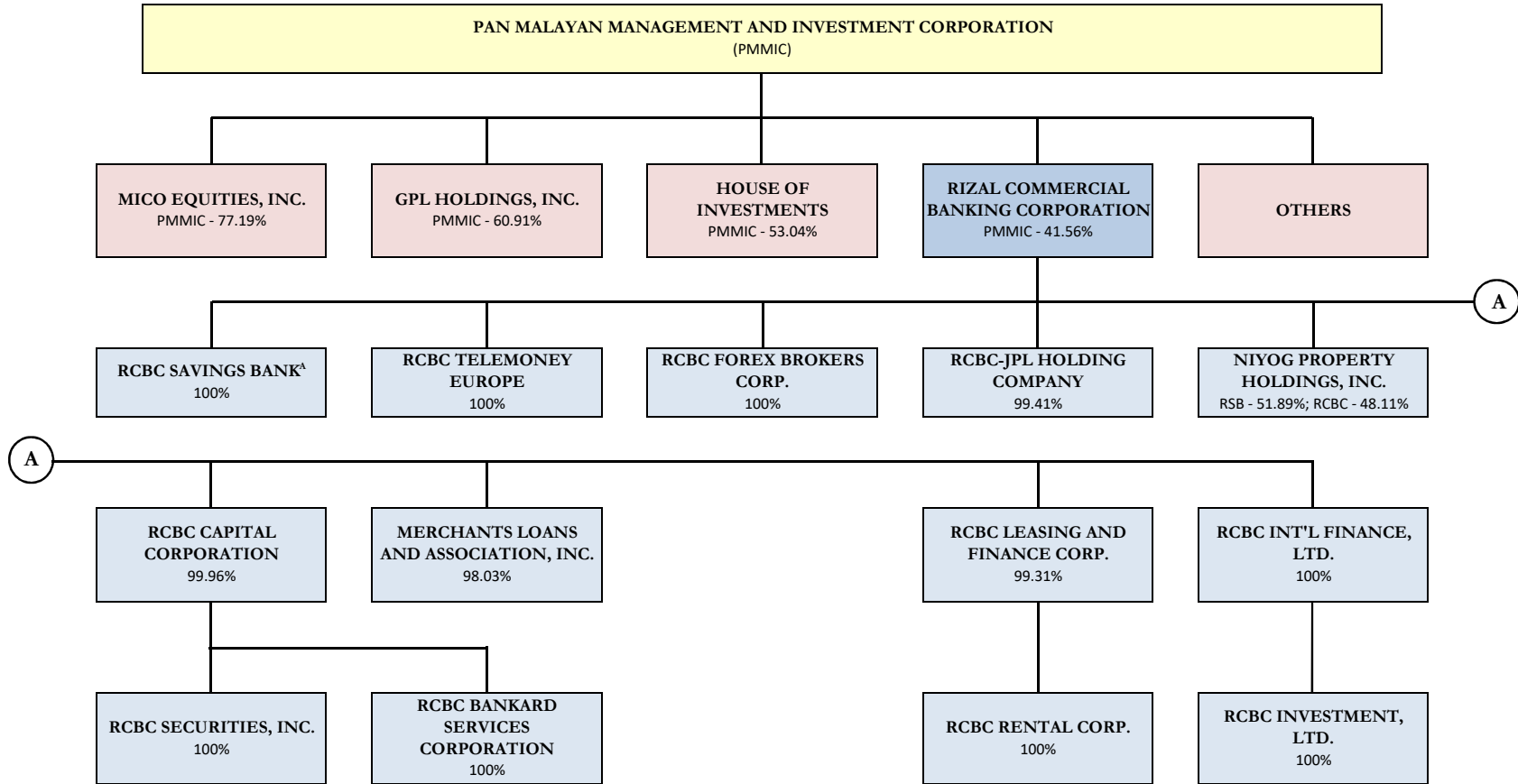
PHILIPPINE FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS		Adopted	Not Adopted	Not Applicable
PFRS 12	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 12: Transition Guidance	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 12: Investment Entities	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 10: Investment Entities – Applying the Consolidation Exception	✓		
PFRS 13	Fair Value Measurement	✓		
PFRS 14	Regulatory Deferral Accounts			✓
PFRS 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers	✓		
	Amendments to PFRS 15: Clarifications to PFRS 15	✓		
PFRS 16	Leases* (<i>effective January 1, 2019</i>)			✓
PFRS 17	Insurance Contracts* (<i>effective January 1, 2021</i>)			✓
Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS)				
PAS 1 (Revised)	Presentation of Financial Statements	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 32 and PAS 1: Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 1: Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 1: Disclosure Initiative	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 1 and PAS 8: Definition of Material* (<i>effective January 1, 2020</i>)			✓
PAS 2	Inventories			✓
PAS 7	Statement of Cash Flows	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 7: Disclosure Initiative	✓		
PAS 8	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 1 and PAS 8: Definition of Material* (<i>effective January 1, 2020</i>)			✓
PAS 10	Events After the Reporting Period	✓		
PAS 12	Income Taxes	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 12 - Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 12 - Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealized Losses	✓		
	Amendment to PAS 12 - Tax Consequences of Dividends* (<i>effective January 1, 2019</i>)			✓
PAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 16: Bearer Plants	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 16: Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortization	✓		
PAS 17	Leases	✓		
PAS 19 (Revised)	Employee Benefits	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 19: Defined Benefit Plans - Employee Contributions	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 19: Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement* (<i>effective January 1, 2019</i>)			✓
PAS 20	Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance			✓
PAS 21	The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates	✓		
	Amendments: Net Investment in a Foreign Operation	✓		
PAS 23 (Revised)	Borrowing Costs	✓		
	Amendment to PAS 23: Eligibility for Capitalization* (<i>effective January 1, 2019</i>)			✓
PAS 24 (Revised)	Related Party Disclosures	✓		
PAS 26	Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans	✓		
PAS 27 (Revised)	Separate Financial Statements	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 27: Investment Entities	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 27: Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements	✓		
PAS 28 (Revised)	Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 28: Investment Entities - Applying the Consolidation Exception	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 28: Measuring an Associate or Joint Venture at Fair Value	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 28: Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures* (<i>effective January 1, 2019</i>)			✓
	Amendments to PFRS 10: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture* (<i>effective date deferred indefinitely</i>)			✓

PHILIPPINE FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS		Adopted	Not Adopted	Not Applicable
PAS 29	Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies			
PAS 32	Financial Instruments: Presentation	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 32 and PAS 1: Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 32: Classification of Rights Issues	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 32: Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities	✓		
PAS 33	Earnings Per Share	✓		
PAS 34	Interim Financial Reporting	✓		
PAS 36	Impairment of Assets	✓		
	Amendment to PAS 36: Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-financial Assets	✓		
PAS 37	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets	✓		
PAS 38	Intangible Assets	✓		
	Amendments to PAS 38: Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortization	✓		
PAS 40	Investment Property	✓		
	Amendment to PAS 40: Transfers of Investment Property	✓		
PAS 41	Agriculture			✓
	Amendments to PAS 41: Bearer Plants			✓
Philippine Interpretations - International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC)				
IFRIC 1	Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities**	✓		
IFRIC 2	Members' Share in Co-operative Entities and Similar Instruments			✓
IFRIC 4	Determining Whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease	✓		
IFRIC 5	Rights to Interests Arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds**	✓		
IFRIC 6	Liabilities Arising from Participating in a Specific Market - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment			✓
IFRIC 7	Applying the Restatement Approach under PAS 29, Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies			✓
IFRIC 10	Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment	✓		
IFRIC 12	Service Concession Arrangements			✓
IFRIC 14	PAS 19 - The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction	✓		
	Amendments to Philippine Interpretations IFRIC - 14, Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement and their Interaction**	✓		
IFRIC 16	Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation			✓
IFRIC 17	Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners**	✓		
IFRIC 19	Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments**	✓		
IFRIC 20	Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine**	✓		
IFRIC 21	Levies	✓		
IFRIC 22	Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration	✓		
IFRIC 23	Uncertainty Over Income Tax Treatments* (effective January 1, 2019)			✓
Philippine Interpretations - Standing Interpretations Committee (SIC)				
SIC-7	Introduction of the Euro			✓
SIC-10	Government Assistance - No Specific Relation to Operating Activities			✓
SIC-15	Operating Leases - Incentives	✓		
SIC-25	Income Taxes - Changes in the Tax Status of an Entity or its Shareholders**	✓		
SIC-27	Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease	✓		
SIC-29	Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures			✓
SIC-32	Intangible Assets - Web Site Costs**	✓		

* These standards will be effective for periods subsequent to 2018 and are not early adopted by the Group and the Parent Company.

** These standards have been adopted in the preparation of financial statements but the Group and the Parent Company has no significant transactions covered in both years presented.

Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and Subsidiaries
 Map Showing the Relationships Between and Among the RCBC and Its Related Parties
 December 31, 2018



Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and Subsidiaries
Schedule of Financial Indicators

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Return on average equity	5.78%	6.72%	6.42%
Return on average resources	0.73%	0.82%	0.77%
Net interest margin	4.00%	4.25%	4.06%
Profit margin	16.31%	17.15%	16.95%
Capital adequacy ratio	16.13%	15.46%	16.16%
Cost to income ratio	73.23%	70.90%	76.05%
Liquidity ratio	0.50	0.47	0.56
Debt-to-equity ratio	6.94	7.27	7.39
Resources-to-equity ratio	7.94	8.27	8.39
Interest rate coverage ratio	1.50	1.73	1.50

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
MAKATI CITY) S.S.

CERTIFICATION

I, **GEORGE GILBERT G. DELA CUESTA**, incumbent Corporate Secretary of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (the "Bank"), a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal place of business at Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue corner Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, except as indicated below, none of the directors and officers listed in the Information Statement work with the government.

Mr. Gabriel S. Claudio currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR). Attached is a copy of the latest authority from the Board of Directors of PAGCOR allowing Mr. Gabriel S. Claudio to sit on the Board of Directors of the Bank.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed this Certification this MAY 08 2019 at Makati City, Philippines.


GEORGE GILBERT G. DELA CUESTA
Corporate Secretary

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this MAY 08 2019 at Makati City, affiant **GEORGE GILBERT G. DELA CUESTA** who is personally known to me exhibiting to me his IBP ID Lifetime Member No. 03276.


ATTY. CATALINO VICENTE L. ARABIT
Notary Public

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Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation
A New Hat for Progress in Gaming, Entertainment and Nation Building

May 7, 2019

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC MAIN OFFICE
Secretariat Building, PICC Complex
Roxas Boulevard, Metro Manila Philippines

ATTENTION: ATTY. EMILIO BENITO AQUINO
Chairman

SUBJECT: Director Gabriel S. Claudio

Dear Chairman Aquino:

We write pursuant to the request of Director Gabriel S. Claudio who has been appointed as a Director of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation ("PAGCOR") by the President of the Republic of the Philippines and is currently one of the Independent Directors of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation ("RCBC"), and in compliance with the requirement of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

Please be informed that the Board of Directors of PAGCOR does not object against Mr. Gabriel S. Claudio, an appointed director of PAGCOR, to concurrently hold the position of Independent Director in RCBC, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations, and to any conflict of interest that may arise in the future.

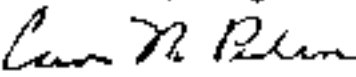
Very truly yours,

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PAGCOR


ANDREA D. DOMINGO
Chairperson/Chief Executive Officer


ALFREDO C. LIM
President/Chief Operating Officer


REYNALDO E. CONCORDIA
Director


CARMEN N. PEDROSA
Director

Copy Furnished

DIRECTOR GABRIEL S. CLAUDIO

CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

I, **VAUGHN F. MONTES**, Filipino, of legal age and a resident of **OMITTED**
OMITTED, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law do hereby declare that:

1. I am a nominee for independent director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and have been its independent director since September 26, 2016.
2. I am affiliated with the following companies or organizations (including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations):

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION	POSITION/RELATIONSHIP	PERIOD OF SERVICE
Parents for Education Foundation (PAREF)	Trustee	2000 to present
PAREF Southridge School for Boys	Chairman and President	2014 to present
PAREF Westbridge School for Boys	Trustee	2000 to present
PAREF Northfield School for Boys	Trustee	2000 to present
Foundation for Economic Freedom	Founding Fellow/Trustee	2014 to present
Center for Family Advancement	President	2017 to present
Center for Excellence in Governance	Director	2016 to present
Institute for Corporate Directors	Teaching Fellow - Corporate Governance	2015 to present
Asian Development Bank Technical Assistance Grant on Public Private Partnerships Program	National Consultant on Public Private Partnerships Risk Management to the National Economic Development Authority / Public Private Partnership Center	2012 to present

3. I possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to serve as an Independent Director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, as provided for in Section 38 of the Securities Regulation Code, its Implementing Rules and Regulations and other SEC issuances.

4. I am related to the following director/officer/substantial shareholder of (RCBC and its subsidiaries and affiliates) other than the relationship provided under Rule 38.2.3 of the Securities Regulation Code, (where applicable)

NAME OF DIRECTOR/ OFFICER/ SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER	COMPANY	NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP
NA		

5. I disclose that I am the subject of the following criminal/administrative investigation or proceeding (as the case may be).

OFFENSE CHARGED/ INVESTIGATED	TRIBUNAL OR AGENCY INVOLVED	STATUS
<u>State offense investigated</u> (suit filed against all DBP Directors)	Office of the Ombudsman (OMB-C-C-16-0408; OMB-C-A-16-0360; Business Driven Resource Realignment Program)	Case dismissed
<u>State offense investigated</u> (suit filed against all DBP Directors)	Office of the Ombudsman (July 2015 complaint re GCG-approved bonuses given to more than 2,200 DBP employees)	Pending. There has been no action on the case by the Ombudsman ever since the complaint was filed in 2015.
<u>State offense investigated</u> (suit filed against all DBP Directors)	Office of the Ombudsman (OMB-L-A-16-0543; Loan to Province of Marinduque)	Case dismissed.
Suit filed against all DBP Directors, Ombudsman, and Governor of Marinduque (deceased)	Court of Appeals, CA G.R. SP. No. 154733	Pending.

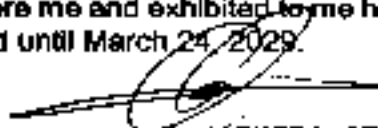
6. I am not in government service/affiliated with a government agency or GOCC. I was, however, a national consultant on Public Private Partnerships (PPP) Risk Management to Department of Finance/Bureau of Treasury (from December 2011 to December 2016) and am a national consultant on PPP Risk Management to the National Economic Development Authority/PPP Center (from February 2012 to the present), both under the Asian Development Bank Technical Assistance Grant on PPP Program. The posts are appointive and part-time.
7. I shall faithfully and diligently comply with my duties and responsibilities as independent director under the Securities Regulation Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, Code of Corporate Governance and other SEC issuances.

8. I shall inform the Corporate Secretary of any changes in the abovementioned information within five days from its occurrence.

Done, this day of MAY 09 2019 at Makati City.


VAUGHN F. MONTES
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of MAY 09 2019 at Makati City, affiant, who is personally known to me, appeared before me and exhibited to me his Passport No. omitted issued on March 25, 2019 and valid until March 24, 2029.


ATTY. CATALINO VICENTE L. ARABIT
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8. I shall inform the Corporate Secretary of any changes in the abovementioned information within five days from its occurrence.

Done, this day of MAY 08 2019 at Makati City.



ARMANDO M. MEDINA
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of MAY 08 2019 at MAKATI CITY, affiant, who is personally known to me, appeared before me and exhibited to me his Passport No. omitted issued on May 28, 2015 in Manila and valid until May 27, 2020.



ATTY. CATALING VICENTE L. ARABIT
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CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

I, **ARMANDO M. MEDINA**, Filipino, of legal age and a resident of **OMITTED**
OMITTED after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law do hereby declare that:

1. I am a nominee for independent director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and have been its independent director since February 26, 2003. Pursuant to SEC Memorandum Circular No. 4 series of 2017, I have a maximum of 9 years (cumulative) from 2012, or until 2021, within which to serve as Independent Director.
2. I am affiliated with the following companies or organizations (including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations):

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION	POSITION/RELATIONSHIP	PERIOD OF SERVICE
RCBC Savings Bank	Independent Director	2003/02/17 to present
RCBC Capital Corporation	Independent Director	2011/02/17 to present
Malayan Insurance Co. Inc.	Independent Director	2011/07/26 to present

3. I possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to serve as an Independent Director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, as provided for in Section 38 of the Securities Regulation Code, its Implementing Rules and Regulations and other SEC issuances.
4. I am related to the following director/officer/substantial shareholder of (RCBC and its subsidiaries and affiliates) other than the relationship provided under Rule 38.2.3 of the Securities Regulation Code, (where applicable)

NAME OF DIRECTOR/ OFFICER/ SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER	COMPANY	NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP
N/A		

5. To the best of my knowledge, I am not the subject of any pending criminal or administrative investigation or proceeding or I disclose that I am the subject of the following criminal/administrative investigation or proceeding (as the case may be):

OFFENSE CHARGED/ INVESTIGATED	TRIBUNAL OR AGENCY INVOLVED	STATUS
N/A		

6. I am not in government service/affiliated with a government agency or GOCC.
7. I shall faithfully and diligently comply with my duties and responsibilities as independent director under the Securities Regulation Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, Code of Corporate Governance and other SEC issuances.

CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

I, **JUAN B. SANTOS**, Filipino, of legal age and a resident of **OMITTED**, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law do hereby declare that:

- I am a nominee for independent director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and have been its independent director since November 2, 2016.
- I am affiliated with the following companies or organizations (including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations):

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION	POSITION/RELATIONSHIP	PERIOD OF SERVICE
Philippine Investment Management Corp.	Director	Dec 2018 - Present
Mitsubishi Motor Phil. Corp.	Advisory Board	Jan-15 to present
House of Investments, Inc.	Director	Oct-14 to present
Philippine Investment Management, Inc. (PHINMA)	Director	Aug-13 to present
Dualtech Training Center Foundation	Trustee	Mar-12 to present
First Philippine Holdings Co.	Director	Jun-09 to present
East-West Seed Co. Inc. (Phils.)	Advisory Board	2008 to present
Alaska Milk Corporation	Director	May-07 to present
Marsmen-Drysdale Group	Consultant	Sep-07 to present
SunLife Grapa Financial, Inc.	Independent Director	Oct-06 to present
St. Luke's Medical Center	Trustee	Aug-05 to present
Allamanda Management Corp.	Director	January 2000 – Present

- I possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to serve as an Independent Director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, as provided for in Section 38 of the Securities Regulation Code, its Implementing Rules and Regulations and other SEC issuances.
- I am related to the following director/officer/substantial shareholder of (RCBC and its subsidiaries and affiliates) other than the relationship provided under Rule 38.2.3 of the Securities Regulation Code, (where applicable)

NAME OF DIRECTOR/ OFFICER/ SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER	COMPANY	NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP
N/A		

- To the best of my knowledge, I am not the subject of any pending criminal or administrative investigation or proceeding or I disclose that I am the subject of the following criminal/administrative investigation or proceeding (as the case may be):

OFFENSE CHARGED/ INVESTIGATED	TRIBUNAL OR AGENCY INVOLVED	STATUS
N/A		

6. I am not in government service/affiliated with a government agency or GOCC.
7. I shall faithfully and diligently comply with my duties and responsibilities as independent director under the Securities Regulation Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, Code of Corporate Governance and other SEC issuances.
8. I shall inform the Corporate Secretary of any changes in the abovementioned information within five days from its occurrence.

Done, this day of MAY 07 2019 at Makati City.


JUANE B. SANTOS
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of MAY 07 2019 at Makati City, affiant who is personally known to me, appeared before me and exhibited to me his Passport No. OMMITTED issued on September 19, 2017 in Manila and valid until September 18, 2022.


ATTY. CATALINO VICENTE L. ARABIT
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CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

I, **LAURITO E. SERRANO**, Filipino, of legal age and a resident of **OMITTED**, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law do hereby declare that:

- I am a nominee for independent director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and have been its independent director since March 20, 2019.
- I am affiliated with the following companies or organizations (including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations):

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION	POSITION/RELATIONSHIP	PERIOD OF SERVICE
ZGO Group Inc.	Independent Director	April, 2017 to present
Negros Navigation Co. Inc.	Independent Director	April, 2017 to present
Arlas Consolidated Mining & Development Corporation	Independent Director	August, 2012 to present
Carmen Copper Corp.	Independent Director	August, 2012 to present
Pacific Online Systems Corporation	Independent Director	May, 2014 to present
APC Group, Inc.	Independent Director	June, 2013 to present
Axelum Resources Corp.	Independent Director	April, 2017 to present
MRT Development Corporation	Director	July, 2013 to present

- I possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to serve as an Independent Director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, as provided for in Section 38 of the Securities Regulation Code, its Implementing Rules and Regulations and other SEC Issuances.
- I am related to the following director/officer/substantial shareholder of (RCBC and its subsidiaries and affiliates) other than the relationship provided under Rule 38.2.3 of the Securities Regulation Code, (where applicable)

NAME OF DIRECTOR/ OFFICER/ SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER	COMPANY	NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP
N/A		

- To the best of my knowledge, I am not the subject of any pending criminal or administrative investigation or proceeding or I disclose that I am the subject of the following criminal/administrative investigation or proceeding (as the case may be):

OFFENSE CHARGED/ INVESTIGATED	TRIBUNAL OR AGENCY INVOLVED	STATUS
N/A		

- I am not in government service/affiliated with a government agency or GOCC.

7. I shall faithfully and diligently comply with my duties and responsibilities as independent director under the Securities Regulation Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, Code of Corporate Governance and other SEC issuances.
8. I shall inform the Corporate Secretary of any changes in the abovementioned information within five days from its occurrence.

Done, this day of MAY 07 2019 at Makati City.



LAURITO E. SERRANO

Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of MAY 07 2019 at Makati City, affiant who is personally known to me appeared before me and exhibited to me his **OMITTED** issued in Manila and valid until January 26, 2022.

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CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

L. ADELITA A. VERGEL DE DIOS, Filipino, of legal age and a resident **OMITTED** **OMITTED** after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law do hereby declare that:

1. I am a nominee for independent director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and have been its independent director since June 27, 2016
2. I am affiliated with the following companies or organizations (including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations):

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION	POSITION/RELATIONSHIP	PERIOD OF SERVICE
RCBC Savings Bank	Independent Director	2015/06/22 to present

3. I possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to serve as an Independent Director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, as provided for in Section 38 of the Securities Regulation Code, its Implementing Rules and Regulations and other SEC issuances.
4. I am related to the following director/officer/substantial shareholder of (RCBC and its subsidiaries and affiliates) other than the relationship provided under Rule 38.2.3 of the Securities Regulation Code, (where applicable)

NAME OF DIRECTOR/ OFFICER/ SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER	COMPANY	NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP
N/A		

5. To the best of my knowledge, I am not the subject of any pending criminal or administrative investigation or proceeding **or** I disclose that I am the subject of the following criminal/administrative investigation or proceeding (as the case may be):

OFFENSE CHARGED/ INVESTIGATED	TRIBUNAL OR AGENCY INVOLVED	STATUS
N/A		

6. I am not currently in government service/affiliated with a government agency or GOCC.
7. I shall faithfully and diligently comply with my duties and responsibilities as independent director under the Securities Regulation Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, Code of Corporate Governance and other SEC issuances.

8. I shall inform the Corporate Secretary of any changes in the abovementioned information within five days from its occurrence.

Done, this day of MAY 08 2019 at Makati City.


ADELITA A. VERGEL DE DIOS
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of MAY 08 2019 at Makati City, affiant, who is personally known to me, appeared before me and exhibited to me her Passport No. OMITTED issued on July 26, 2013 and valid until May 21, 2028.


ATTY. CATALINO VICENTE L. ARABIT
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CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

I, **GABRIEL S. CLAUDIO**, Filipino, of legal age and a resident of **OMITTED** **OMITTED** after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law do hereby declare that:

1. I am a nominee for independent director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and have been its independent director since July 25, 2016.
2. I am affiliated with the following companies or organizations (including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations):

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION	POSITION/RELATIONSHIP	PERIOD OF SERVICE
Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation	Member, Board of Directors	Jul-16 to present
Ginebra San Miguel, Incorporated	Member, Board of Directors	Jun-11 to present
Risk & Opportunities Assessment Management	Vice Chairman/Member, Board of Directors	Nov-11 to present
Conflict Resolution Group Foundation (CORE)	Member, Board of Directors	Sep-10 to present
Toby's Youth Sports Foundation	Member, Board of Directors	Mar-11 to present

3. I possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to serve as an Independent Director of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, as provided for in Section 38 of the Securities Regulation Code, its Implementing Rules and Regulations and other SEC issuances.
4. I am related to the following director/officer/substantial shareholder of (RCBC and its subsidiaries and affiliates) other than the relationship provided under Rule 38.2.3 of the Securities Regulation Code, (where applicable)

NAME OF DIRECTOR/ OFFICER/ SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDER	COMPANY	NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP
N/A		

5. To the best of my knowledge, I am not the subject of any pending criminal or administrative investigation or proceeding or I disclose that I am the subject of the following criminal/administrative investigation or proceeding (as the case may be):

OFFENSE CHARGED/ INVESTIGATED	TRIBUNAL OR AGENCY INVOLVED	STATUS
N/A		

6. I have the required written permission or consent from the head of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation to be an independent director in the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, pursuant to Office of the President Memorandum Circular No. 17 and Section 12, Rule XVIII of the Revised Civil Service Rules.

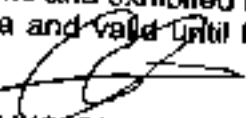
7. I shall faithfully and diligently comply with my duties and responsibilities as independent director under the Securities Regulation Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, Code of Corporate Governance and other SEC issuances.
8. I shall inform the Corporate Secretary of any changes in the abovementioned information within five days from its occurrence.

MAY 08 2019

Done, this day of _____ at Makati City.


GABRIEL S. CLAUDIO
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day of MAY 08 2019 at Makati City, affiant, who is personally known to me, appeared before me and exhibited to me his Passport No. OMITTED issued on March 3, 2015 in Manila and valid until March 2, 2020


ATTY. CATALINO VICENTE L. ARABIT
Notary Public

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